

CERTAIN ETERNITY



THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

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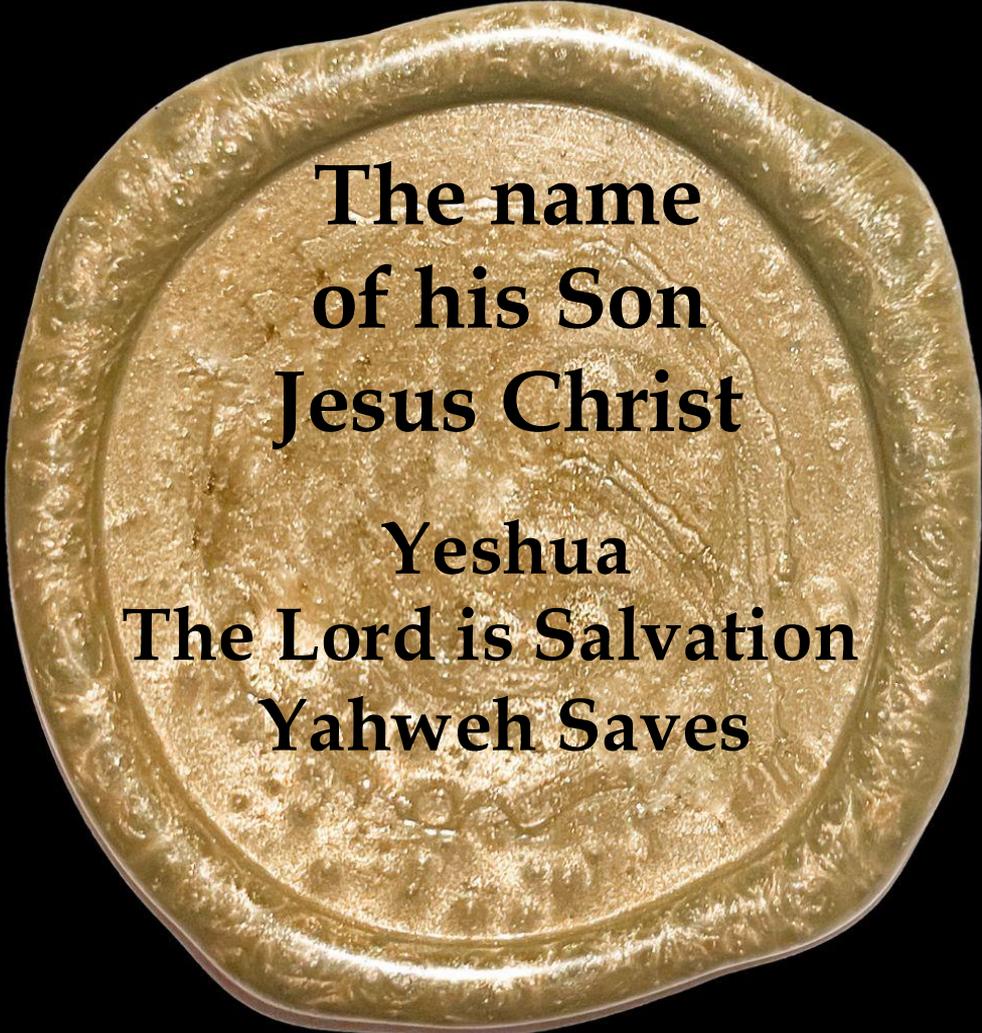
COMMANDMENT

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Believe (*pisteuō*)

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Love (*agapaō*)

A circular gold seal with a textured, embossed surface. The seal is centered on a black background. The text is arranged in two main sections: the top section contains the name of the Son, and the bottom section contains the name and a phrase. The text is in a bold, black, serif font.

**The name
of his Son
Jesus Christ**

**Yeshua
The Lord is Salvation
Yahweh Saves**

“We must look upon Jesus as “Christ,” the anointed of the Father, sent into this world on salvation’s errand, not that sinners might save themselves, but that He, being mighty to save, might bring many sons to glory. We must believe that Jesus Christ, coming into the world to save sinners, did really accomplish His mission; that the precious blood that is shed on Calvary is mighty to atone for sin, and therefore, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven, since the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s dear Son, cleanses us from all sin.”

- C.H. Spurgeon



“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12



blood of Christ

body

Lamb

Word

Lion

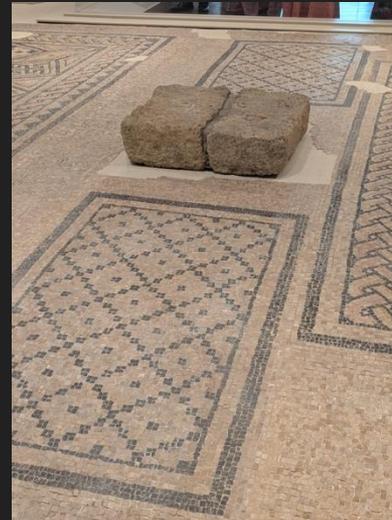
I am...

Jesus is the Christ!

John 20:30-31 “30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life **in his name.**”

John 1:11-12 “11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed **in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God...”

John 3:18 “Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed **in the name** of the only Son of God.”



THE CENTRAL TABLE

During excavations, archaeologists uncovered a stone base made of two dressed stones at the center of the mosaic.

The stone base displayed here is a replica of the one found at the site.



An artistic rendering of the prayer hall and table.
Courtesy of Evolve studios.



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THE DECORATIVE CARPET

The stone base is flanked by two rectangular carpets in the center of the hall, each decorated with a diamond pattern.



Courtesy of Evolve studios.

Philippians 2:8-11 “8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

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CONFIRMATION

24 Whoever keeps his commandments **abides** in God, and God in him. And by this we **know** that he abides in us, by the **Spirit** whom he has given us.”

Abides (*menō*)
Know (*ginōskō*)
Spirit (*eidō*)

Sealed by the Spirit!

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 “21 And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, 22 and who has also put his **seal** on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a **guarantee**.”

2 Corinthians 5:5 “He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a **guarantee**.”

Ephesians 1:13-14 “13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the **guarantee** of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 4:30 “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.”



ownership

security

authority

finished transaction

authenticity

How do we know we are sealed by the Spirit?

Growing in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

Conviction of the Spirit (John 16:8-11)

Comfort/Help of the Spirit (John 14:26, Acts 9:31)

Illumination/teaching of the Spirit (John 16:13)

Indwelling/Empowering of the Spirit (John 14:15-18)

Leading/guidance of the Spirit (Galatians 5:18)

Refining/sanctification of the Spirit (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

Unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:3)

Boldness of the Spirit against fear and doubt

(2 Tim 1:7, Ro 8:15)

Confidence of the Spirit that we are loved by God

(Romans 5:5)

