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Preface

YHWH "God" has called us to do two things. First, we are to never give up studying and seeking the correct interpretation of any given Bible passage. Second, such opportunities are golden moments for us to learn to show grace and love to others whose understanding of a given passage may differ from ours.

Throughout the HRTI's teachings, we use a slightly different vocabulary to that which some might be accustomed. We have chosen to use what many refer to as a Messianic vocabulary. The reasons being: firstly, using Hebraic-sounding words is another way to help you associate with the Hebraic Roots of your faith. Secondly, these words are not merely an outward show for us, they are truly an expression of who we are as Messianic Jews and Gentiles who have "taken hold" of our inheritance with Israel.

Instead of saying "Jesus", we call our Saviour "Y'shua" – the way His parents would have addressed Him in Hebrew. In addition, rather than referring to Y'shua as "Christ", we use the word "Messiah" – which is an Anglicized version of the Hebrew word, Moshiach.

"YaHoWaH" is the name of God in Hebrew, where it is written as four consonants (YHWH or YHVH, as the W and V is derived from the same Hebrew letter 'Vaw'). These four letters are called the Tetragrammaton (Greek for "[a word] having four letters"). Jews ceased to use the name in the Greco-Roman period, replacing it with the common noun Elohim ("God") to demonstrate the universal sovereignty of Israel's God over all others. At the same time, the divine name was increasingly regarded as too sacred to be uttered and was replaced in spoken ritual by the word Adonai ("My Lord"). From about the 6th to the 10th century the Masoretes (Jewish scholars who were the first to add vowels to the text of the Hebrew Bible) used the vowel signs of the Hebrew words Adonai or Elohim as the vowels for YHWH; and later on the artificial name *Jehovah* was produced. Christian scholars and translators after the Renaissance and Reformation periods replaced the sacred name YHWH with GOD and LORD (all in capital letters in the Bible); which was a strategic move of Satan for not using the Name. The Sacred Name occurs 6,828 times in the Hebrew text of the Bible, proving YHWH wants us to use it.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, biblical scholars again began to use the form Yahweh and it is now the conventional usage in biblical scholarship; but leading Hebrew Scholars suggest YHWH should be pronounced as Yah-oo-VaH (Y'shua is derived from YaH-shuvah which means YaH saves. Yah (יָהּ) is an abbreviation of God's name, YHWH, as seen in Psalm 68:4. The Name is also found in the word hallelu-YaH, which means "you praise the LORD").

What is this hogwash of adhering to the "Law"?

Introduction

Satan has crippled Christians for the last 1,700 years. He has masterly deceived and drew them into a black pit of obscurity, blurring their minds and distorting the *fundamental truth* that the *entire Bible is not applicable anymore*; i.e., that the "Law" has been done away with.

Christians in general do not use the Law (Torah in Hebrew, better known as Instructions from YHWH) as the "foundation" upon which to build their faith. For example, how many churches would take a newly converted sinner and begin to disciple him about *sin, repentance from dead works, faith, the born-again experience*, etc., from the Torah? See the point?

Most Messianic believers would mentally agree that the Torah is the foundation for understanding the rest of the TaNaCh¹ and the New Covenant Scriptures. Christians hardly ever build the foundation of their faith on the Torah, which is the only true Scriptural source for a "foundation". As with most Christians who were saved and disciplined in the traditional church institution, the foundation of their faith was established using only the New Covenant Scriptures. Although the New Covenant Scriptures are God-breathed, they were never intended to be used to form the foundation of our belief-system.

The Torah alone should be the starting point for building a faith foundation after your rebirth in Y'shua the Messiah. The Torah is the foundational revelation about the nature of YHWH and His redemptive dealings with mankind. This teaching will obviously prove it based on Scripture. At this point, Satan will discourage you from reading further; you need to continue reading.

The New Covenant Scriptures are therefore a continuation of the Torah in that they complete (fill up) the revelation of the TaNaCh. How so? We must remember the Torah was a shadow and pattern of good things to come. All concepts and doctrines developed in the New Covenant Scriptures are "already revealed in the Torah"; albeit only as a shadow.

If your faith isn't based upon the foundation of the Torah, then you need to seriously consider studying the Torah diligently for yourself to see what YHWH's Torah says. If your foundation is built predominantly upon Scriptures from the New Covenant alone, then you will have a less than ideal understanding of YHWH's Scriptures and His will for your life. This less than ideal understanding will exist because you will lack the proper

¹ Hebrew Bible, also known as the Old Covenant for Christians

foundational understanding to interpret the rest of the TaNaCh and New Covenant Scriptures correctly.

Bottom-line, it will be impossible to fully comprehend the New Covenant Scriptures without a proper foundation from the Torah. No wonder Y'shua said, "*I have not come to destroy the Law (literally meaning, to incorrectly teach the Torah – thereby making it undone), I have come to fulfill the Law (literally meaning, "I have come to explain and interpret the Torah to you correctly")*"². Therefore, "everything" in the New Covenant Scriptures based on dogma is "clearly" founded in the Torah.

With that in mind, let's start our journey...

Encouraging Notes:

- 1) This teaching is not easy to hear – we understand that, but it is vital for your eternal life.
- 2) Your Christian traditions will be used by Satan to argue against YHWH's Scriptural truths.
- 3) We at HRTI are passionate about your soul; therefore, we make it our mission to write scripturally sound teachings and Biblical truths.
- 4) Researching is the process of elimination; whatever remains is the Truth, therefore "*Study to show yourself approved unto YHWH, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*"³.

The Time has come to Wake Up!

In the previous booklet, we clearly proved from the Scripture that you ARE "Israel". (If you haven't read it, we strongly suggest you read it first). That means you are part of the commonwealth of Israel and the rules that apply to Israel also apply to you (Eph 2:12-13).

In this teaching, we will prove that all those who believe and follow Messiah Y'shua are instructed to "guard" the "Torah" and to walk as Messiah Y'shua walked "in Torah".

The time has arrived for Christians to "smell the roses", accept YHWH's truths and obey Him. We also want to drive the point home that Y'shua did not come to start a new religion. No, He came to be the Saviour of an existing "nation". That nation is Israel. Therefore there can be no doubt, no questions and no debates about this truth!

With that behind us, let's start with...

² Matt 5:17

³ 2 Tim 2:15

Three Main Beliefs about the "Law"

Christianity holds three views concerning the interpretation of what Law is:

- 1) The Law is the Torah and consists of **all 613 Mitzvot**⁴ (the Law can also **include the entire Old Covenant instructions**).
- 2) The Law only means the **Ten Commandments** and everywhere you read about the word Law in the New Covenant it refers to the Ten Commandments only.
- 3) Law means NT laws only – this means Christ's laws. Christ's laws consist of only two laws; or better, Two Commandments; and those two (love God and love your neighbor) nullify all the Laws from the Old Covenant.

What is the Law?

Let's look at the meaning of the above three points by definition:

- 1) The Torah, which is the 613 Instructions in the first five Books of the Bible, is only for the **correction, protection** and **direction** of the Believer. Torah cannot save you, period. It was given to guide you in your Walk with the Messiah Y'shua **after** salvation, and not at all about **obtaining** salvation. That means the works of Torah cannot save you; you do the works of Torah freely and willingly **after** you have come to salvation because you love YHWH and Y'shua, period.
- 2) The Ten Commandments appear twice in the Hebrew Bible – in the Books of Exodus and Deuteronomy. In Exodus, YHWH inscribed them on two stone tablets, which He gave to Moshe on Mount Sinai. The Ten Commandments are called *דברים עשרה* (transliterated *Asereth ha-D'bharim*); and in Rabbinical Hebrew *דברות עשרה* (transliterated *Asereth ha-Dibroth*), are translatable as "the ten words", "the ten sayings" or "the ten matters". Never was it called Torah. YHWH uses a different word for it rather than Torah to make a clear distinction between the two. The Ten Commandments are found in the Torah; in fact, the Ten Commandments are a summary of the 613 Instructions of the Torah.
- 3) The Two Commandments do not replace the 613 Commandments of the Torah; this is not at all what Y'shua taught. From a Grecian-western perspective, that is what Pastors will teach you and what Christianity believes; but from a Hebrew perspective (Y'shua's perspective), it is merely a further summary of the 613

⁴ Instructions

Commandments and the **core** and foundational **pillars** of the Torah. These Two Commandments are mentioned in Luke 10:27. To understand this concept from a Hebraic perspective, read what is said below...

Understanding the Torah-tree and its Structures

The Torah-tree consists of Roots, Trunk, Branches and Fruit. The entire tree gets its nourishment from the **Roots, which is Y'shua**. Everything starts with Y'shua and He is the One giving life. This won't be explained as it is universally accepted. The fruit is the end product and Y'shua referred to this when He said: *"You will be known by your fruit"*⁵. This Fruit is Torah-life!

A. The Two Laws of "Christ" (the Trunk)

The Two Laws quoted by Y'shua: *"Thou shalt love YHWH thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself"* are the very foundational pillars on which all of YHWH's Instructions rest. The two pillars are mentioned in the heart of the Torah:

Deut 6:5: **Love YHWH your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Lev 19:18: *"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but **love your neighbor** as yourself. I am YHWH.*

These are the very essence and core of YHWH's principles – love YHWH and love your neighbour – nothing more, nothing less. The heart of the Torah is therefore summarized by Y'shua, and that is LOVE!

This means that if you do these two Laws you will automatically do the Seven Noahide Laws...

B. The Noahide Code⁶ (the bigger branches from the trunk)

The Seven Laws of Noah (Hebrew: *נה בני מצוות שבע Sheva mitzvot B'nei Noach*) is a set of moral rules that were given by YHWH as a binding set of

⁵ Matt 7:16

⁶ Noahide Laws comprise the six Laws which were given to Adam in the Garden of Eden, according to **Jewish interpretation** of Gen 2:16, and a seventh one, which was added after the Flood of Noah. These are not found mentioned in Scripture in detail and were listed here only to understand the expansion of YHWH's Torah tree.

Laws for the "children of Noah" – that is, all of humankind. Note that this was given years before Moshe received the Written Torah at Mount Sinai.

The Seven Laws are:

- 1) *Prohibition of Idolatry* (Love YHWH / do not worship other gods).
- 2) *Prohibition of Murder* (Love you neighbour / then you will not harm him)
- 3) *Prohibition of Theft* (Love you neighbour / then you will not steal from him)
- 4) *Prohibition of Sexual immorality* (Love you neighbour / don't cheat or use a person to satisfy your lusts)
- 5) *Prohibition of Blasphemy* (Love YHWH / you will not use His name in vain)
- 6) *Prohibition of eating flesh taken from an animal while it is still alive* (Love YHWH / respect for YHWH's creation and stay away from paganism)
- 7) *Establishment of courts of law* (Love your neighbour / adhere to fairness)

The Noahide Laws are regarded as the way through which non-Jews can have a direct and meaningful relationship with YHWH; or at least comply with the minimal requisites of civilization and of Divine Law. This, of course, is again just a summary of the Ten Commandments. More detail is added in the Ten Commandments.

C. The Ten Commandments (the smaller branches from the "big branches")

Again, The Ten Commandments are a summary of the Torah; the 613 Instructions. The Ten Commandments are found in Exod 20:2-17 and Deut 5:6-21.

The Ten Commandments are prohibitions (except for Commandments Four⁷ and Five⁸). These Ten Laws define negatively the heart of the *covenant relationship* between YHWH and Israel. The first four Commandments are related to one's relationship with YHWH. The next six Commandments have to do with human relationships (six being the number of man). It is important to note that right relationships with others follow being rightly related to YHWH. Being rightly related to YHWH compels one towards right relationships to one's neighbours. Here one can see the wonderful balance that is maintained in the Ten Commandments. Meaning, duties to YHWH and to other human beings are not separated.

⁷ Exod 20:8-11

⁸ Exod 20:12

The Ten Commandments were not only given to the Hebrew people, but are abiding Laws for all people; all who would like to come into the commonwealth of Israel. Some of the Torah Instructions of the Bible seem to apply only to specific times, places, and persons; but the Ten Commandments have an abiding quality about them. They convey *duties for everyone* and reveal to us the *basic morality* required by YHWH. While the Ten Commandments have universal validity, they are truly significant **only** when persons are **committed** to the Elohim behind them. What makes the Ten Commandments unique is the character of the Elohim who gave them. Without YHWH, the Commandments lose their distinctiveness.

These Ten Commandments, therefore, are **basic policy statements for life** in a covenant community with YHWH; and these Ten Commandments are a **summary** of all of YHWH's 613 Instructions in the Torah.

D. The 613 Torah Instructions (the fruit from the "smaller branches")

YHWH gave the entire package in the Torah and explains the Ten Commandments in great detail so that no believer will have an excuse as to say: "I did not know what YHWH really expected of me". As said, His Instructions were given to **correct** me, to **protect** me, and to give me **direction**; obviously, to enable me to live a righteous and holy life that is acceptable to YHWH.

The etymology of the word Torah is Hebrew and is most frequently translated as "law" in the Old Covenant. Torah is used more than 200 times. Torah in the Old Covenant came to mean "***the way of life for faithful Israelites***". The Torah is more than just "laws"; it includes the story of YHWH's dealing with His people, Israel.

The concept of Torah is linked to that of "covenant". The covenant agreement between YHWH and His people at Mount Sinai provided the foundation for all of Israel's Laws. YHWH, the Deliverer of the Israelites from Egypt, set forth His instructions for His people. They were to obey YHWH's laws because of what He had done for them in saving them from Egypt⁹. The Laws found in Exodus, Deuteronomy, Numbers, and Leviticus cover all areas of community life. The Torah is therefore a gift and absolute blessing of YHWH to His people to **improve life**, and not to diminish it! Obeying the Torah would always result in His blessing¹⁰. Following the Law would provide for the **health and wholeness** of the **covenant community**.

⁹ Exod 20:2

¹⁰ Exod 19:5-6

These Laws often begin with an "if" or a "when" and usually deal with very specific situations. Many times they indicate a punishment for breaking the law¹¹ which we will see clearly in this teaching.

To sum it up in a nutshell, the 613 Torah Instructions are the fruit by which you will be recognized:

*Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But **his delight is in the Torah of YHWH; and in his Torah doth he meditate day and night.** 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, **that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.***

Bottom-line: Following the Torah Instructions is the result of salvation, and results in an abundance of blessings! It is our fruit!

Our Concern

The more we study, the more we realize that we HAVE to keep the Torah and that we have misunderstood Scripture all along.

This teaching is something that is very near to our hearts, and something we desire every believer to hear. In fact, it is imperative that every person read this booklet.

You need to understand clearly that there are a few reasons why the "Law" has been grossly misunderstood. Sha'ul's letters and Acts chapter 10 and 15 are but a few of the main reasons why we misunderstood the Scriptures concerning the Law. Sha'ul's letters are **EXTREMELY DIFFICULT** to understand and Peter seriously warned us about it...

Sha'ul's Letters

Peter warned of **Christians** and **Pastors** beforehand that they **would** misinterpret Sha'ul's letters, and that even Pastors will twist Sha'ul's letters to **follow a doctrine that goes against what YHWH and Y'shua taught!** Today, this is rampant in just about every Christian denomination globally!

*2 Peter 3:15-17: 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. **His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable***

¹¹ Exod 21:2-3, Exod 21:4; Exod 22:1-2, Exod 22:4-5, Exod 22:25

people distort (or twist), as **they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction** (because they do not follow the Torah). 17 Therefore, dear friends, **since you have been forewarned, be on your guard** so that you **may not be carried away** (swept into a hellish doctrine) by the **error of the lawless** (a Torahless doctrine) and **fall from your secure position** (that ancient teachings, to follow the Torah).

Paul knew the TaNaCh better than most people. He studied under the great teacher Gamaliel and then later under Y'shua Himself, as explained in booklet No 2. Sha'ul was a master at Torah and wrote from the point that all his readers are fully acquainted with the Written Torah as YHWH gave Moshe at Mount Sinai, as well as Oral Torah (literature explaining the Written Torah) – as interpreted by the Jewish Sages of old.

Sha'ul, in fact, refers to five different references to "law" in his letters; and if you do not know the Torah and the Old Covenant, you will surely formulate false doctrines from his letters!

Peter warned us to not twist Sha'ul's letters to support a doctrine of "lawlessness".

So, be very careful when you use Sha'ul's letters to support a doctrine that cannot be supported by YHWH's Torah. If you do this, know that you simply haven't arrived at the "truth".

(Watch THIS short video about Law and Grace called "Law and Grace for Dummies" at link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSO7G0JLTIE&feature=fvwrel> . It will clearly show you how easy it is to understand the Law and Grace, and how they work together).

We need to Walk as Y'shua did

The beloved Yochanan (John), the one that laid on Y'shua's bosom, instructs us:

1 John 2:6: *Whoever says he abides in him ought to **walk in the same way in which he** (Y'shua) **walked**.*

The Question is then: how did Y'shua walk?

He was a Jew, right? Absolutely! We proved this in booklet No. 1.

How did the Jews live? Did they follow the "way" their ancestors did? Absolutely! We proved this also in booklet No. 1.

Did He keep the commandments (the Torah)? Absolutely! We proved this in booklet No. 2.

Did He live in a Jewish cultural environment? Of course He did. He lived in Israel and among His brethren, speaking Hebrew, studying the Torah and the TaNaCh celebrating like a Jew, and living like a Jew!

Why the Need for the Torah?

It must clearly be understood that:

The Law = Good Works/Actions = the Torah

The "Works of the Torah" are the "good works" that we do. These works cannot earn salvation. We keep the Torah as **fruit** of salvation, not the **root** of salvation. Meaning you do Torah **after** salvation because you love YHWH and Y'shua. Every sin is connected to an action, and all the do's and don'ts are actions mentioned in the Torah which must be adhered to.

What does YHWH's Word say is Sin?

Scripture must define Scripture and to know what sin is, can only be defined by Scripture:

1 John 3:4: (NIV) *Everyone who makes a **practice of sinning** also **practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.***

1 John 3:4: (KJV) *Whosoever **commits sin** transgresses also the law (Torah): for **sin is the transgression of the law.***

Facts derived from the verse (ponder on each fact for a moment):

- 1) If you practice sin, then you practice lawlessness...
- 2) Sin is lawlessness; sin is Torah-lessness...
- 3) If you commit sin, then you transgress one (or more) of the 613 instructions of YHWH in the Torah...
- 4) Sin IS transgressing (disobedience of) any one (or more) of the 613 Laws of YHWH in the Torah...
- 5) Sin can only be identified if there is a law; in this case, YHWH's Torah...
- 6) Sin is not doing or adhering to any Torah Instruction of YHWH and thereby you rebel against YHWH's Word, and that is witchcraft¹²...

¹² 1 Sam 15:23

The Three Groups of Believers in Scripture

Beloved friend, you need to know that there are only three groups of believers in Scripture, and each person must categorize him/herself in one of these three groups...

1) Those Great in the Kingdom of God:

Matt 5:19: *Whosoever therefore shall **break one of these least commandments** (Torah Instructions), and shall teach men so, he shall be called **the least in the kingdom of heaven**: but whosoever **shall do** (a verb, an action) **and teach them**, the same shall be called **great in the kingdom of heaven**.*

Let's move on and see what the Torah says:

Num 15:22-29: *22 And if ye have erred, and **not observed all these commandments**, which YHWH hath spoken unto Moses, 23 Even **all** that YHWH hath **commanded you by the hand of Moses**, from the day that YHWH commanded Moses, and henceforward among your generations; 24 Then it shall be, if ought be **committed by ignorance without the knowledge** of the congregation, that all the congregation **shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering**, for a sweet savour unto YHWH, with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats **for a sin offering**. 25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and **it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance**: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto YHWH, and their sin offering before YHWH, **for their ignorance**: 26 And it **shall be forgiven** all the congregation of the **children of Israel**, and **the stranger** that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people **were in ignorance**. 27 And if any soul **sin through ignorance**, then he shall bring a **she goat of the first year for a sin offering**. 28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul **that sinneth ignorantly**, when he sinneth **by ignorance** before YHWH, to make an atonement for him; and **it shall be forgiven him**. 29 Ye shall have **ONE LAW** for him that **sinneth through ignorance**, both for him that is born among the **children of Israel**, **and for the stranger** that sojourneth among them.*

2) Those Least in the Kingdom of God:

Cited Matt 5:19 Num 15:22-29 as above.

3) Those Rejected from the Kingdom of God:

There are three places found in Scripture which explains the group that is rejected: Matt 7:21-23, Heb 10:26-31 and Num 15:30-31.

We'll look at Matt 7:21-23 later in the teaching. For now, let's start by focusing on Heb 10:26-31...

What are Ignorant Sin and Willful Sin according to the Bible?

There are two main groups of sin in the Bible and they are classed as **Ignorant Sin** and **Willful Sin**.

Matt 5:19: *Anyone who **breaks one of the least of these commandments** and **teaches others to do the same** will be called **least in the kingdom of heaven**, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called **great in the kingdom of heaven**.*

Ignorant Sin means you **honestly did not know it was a sin** because you have never **come to the realization that you need to keep the Torah** as only the Torah identifies sin. This is Ignorant Sin and the Pastor teaching this will be in the kingdom of Heaven (Group 2), but he/she will be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven. Obviously, you need to correct him/her by emailing him/her this range of booklets (freely available in PDF format on our Website www.hrti.co.za).

Intentional Sin, also known as **Willful Sin**¹³, is different; and should scare the "Hell" out of a person!

Heb 10:26-31: 26 *For if **we go on sinning** (breaking the Torah¹⁴) **deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth** (know what the Torah says), **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins** (Note: The Torah from Lev 1-7 describes all the offerings. All of them are for ignorant sin, not for willful sin. There was NEVER a sacrifice for willful sin. Willful sin requires repentance, not sacrifice. This is what David did when he sinned willfully by using his power to seduce Bathsheba while her husband was at war on King David's behalf. When she was found to be with his child, David arranged for her husband Uriah to be killed in battle to cover up the matter. David was an adulterer and a murderer through willful sin. He could not bring an offering, because it wouldn't have helped. He had to repent in order to be forgiven. Let's now read it again from verse 26).*

26 *For if **we go on sinning** (breaking the Torah) **deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth** (know what the Torah says), **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, 27 **but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries** (Group 3 will partake of this – condemned to the lake of*

¹³ James 4:17

¹⁴ 1 John 3:4 – "sin is the transgression of the Law"

fire). 28 **Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses** (Torah) dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 29 **How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one (A) who has spurned the Son of God, and has (B) profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has (C) outraged the Spirit of grace?** 30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31 **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

Three things are distinctly mentioned here, which those who sin willfully does to YHWH:

- (A) They spurn (or trample on) the Son of Elohim
- (B) They profane the blood of the covenant
- (C) They outrage the Spirit of grace

Now, this will play around with your Theology... Y'shua fulfilled all the offerings and sacrifices in the Torah, correct? Yes, that's true. But if that's true, where was the **offering or sacrifice for willful sin?** As we have already seen in the Scriptures and proven in this teaching, this then means that **Y'shua (the Sacrifice) could not be hung on His crucifixion stake (the altar) for willful sin** as there is simply no Offering for Willful Sin. **Y'shua died for ignorant sin** and therefore fulfilled all the offerings. All of them have to do **with ignorance** only. If you willfully sin, you need to repent as David did and stop doing the sin, period!

Let's now have a look at willful sin from the Torah itself – Num 15:30-31:

*30 But the soul that doeth ought **presumptuously (willfully)**, whether he be **born in the land**, or a **stranger**, the same reproacheth (reprimand, blames, disgrace) YHWH; and **that soul shall be cut off** from among his people. 31 Because he **hath despised the word of YHWH (rebellion)**, and hath **broken his commandment** (Torah), that soul shall **utterly be cut off**; his iniquity shall be upon him.*

You see, once we heard the knowledge of the truth – in other words, when sin has been revealed to us and **we keep on sinning and we do not repent**, that person (Group 3 person) will condemn him/herself to the lake of fire because of his/her **willful sin!**

The "Impossible" Gospel

There is a Gospel, the "true Gospel" that is unbreakable and unchangeable: this is YHWH's Gospel, and it is cast in concrete. And then

there is the gospel that the majority of Christianity believes in. This is what I'd like to call, "The Impossible Gospel". The following three reasons will explain why:

1) Reason No. 1: You cannot **add or take away** from the Torah:

Deut 4:2: *You **shall not add** to the word that I command you, **nor take from it**, that you may **keep the commandments** (Torah) of YHWH your God that I command you.*¹⁵

We can also translate this verse as follows...

*You shall not **CHANGE** the word that I command you, that you may **EXECUTE** the commandments (Torah) of YHWH your God that I command you.*

This first point implies that Y'shua and all the apostles would've been bound by this law. They could not add to nor take away from the Torah.

2) Reason No. 2: You must **test** it to see if it is the truth, and it cannot lead you astray or into rebellion:

Deut 13:1-3, 5: 1 *If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 **and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass**, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' 3 **you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams.** 4 For YHWH your God **is testing you**, to know whether you love YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 5 But that **prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death**, because he has **taught rebellion** against YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, **to make you leave the way in which YHWH your God commanded you to walk** (the Torah way). So you shall purge the evil from your midst.*¹⁶

Point number two explains to us clearly that if a person, Pastor, Prophet, or Teacher leads the nation astray (away from **YHWH's ways**), the prophet has to be stoned and is classified as a false Prophet or Teacher.

So what is "The Way" – meaning the only "correct way"? Again, Scripture (YHWH's own words) gives us the defining answer; not man's opinion:

Prov 6:23: *For the **commandment** (Torah) is a lamp; and the **law** (Torah) is light; and reproofs of instruction are **the way of life**:*

¹⁵ Also Deut 12:32, Prov 30:6 Rev 22:18-19

¹⁶ Isaiah 8:20

YHWH's Torah is not the way of death, but the way of **LIFE!** Torah is designed to improve, bless, protect and to enhance life significantly – wow! Ultimately, Torah is YHWH's instructions in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16).

This means you must **test every single thing against the Torah**; the **Torah is the only measuring stick that can and should be used for correct doctrine**. Any teaching, saying, preaching, even an interpretation of scripture **contradicting the Torah, is false**. This obviously makes the one teaching it **a false prophet** (proved above) and **liar** (proven later), and that is YHWH's standard.

3) Reason No. 3: YHWH and Y'shua cannot change¹⁷

Let's ask the question, "*Is YHWH random and changes things without informing His followers, us?*" also "*Can Elohim do anything without letting the Prophets know; i.e., that His Son will do away with the Law?*"

Amos 3:7: *For the Lord YHWH **does nothing** without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.*

No, **He cannot**. YHWH clearly tells us He will do nothing unless He reveals and declares it to His Prophets. If YHWH wanted His Son to die so that we can now eat pork, surely He would have made it known and distinctly told us as much. No, there is **not one single verse** that says the Torah would be done away with – not one single prophesy. The problem is **man's grossly incorrect interpretation of the Word** that steers Christians away from the Torah! And these incorrect interpretations stem from a lack of knowledge of Torah!

Point number three proves to us that something was planned, and not part of a misinterpretation. If YHWH prophesies that something will happen, then we know that it must happen. However, if it is not prophesied, then we must also know that it will not happen.

As a Christian, please answer these questions: "Is Y'shua without Sin?" Is it at all possible that Y'shua could sin? The answer is obvious that **Y'shua is sinless and cannot sin at all**, not even in the smallest matter. Now follow this argument to see where Christianity is flawed concerning the Torah:

Matt 26:59-61: *59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Y'shua that they might put him to death (because they could not find any sin or reason to kill him), 60 **but they found none**, though many false witnesses came forward.*

¹⁷ Mal 3:6 and Heb 13:8

At last two came forward 61 and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'"

So here we clearly see, they could not find anything Y'shua did, wrong. Y'shua was therefore without sin; so much so that they had to call in false witnesses to condemn Him. Remember, their country's laws were Torah. They judged Y'shua based on the Torah, as they have always done. Surely if He taught rebellion against the Torah of YHWH, they wouldn't need to call in false witnesses!

For a moment, let's get back to the question, "What is sin?" We saw clearly from Scripture that "***sin is the transgression of the law***". Meaning, we can all agree that Y'shua did not transgress the Law.

By reasoning and intellectual comprehension, it is clear that Y'shua then never broke any one of the Commandments of the Law. That means He guarded every single Commandment of the Law! Let us give you an example:

Y'shua was before Caiaphas and He did not want to speak¹⁸. Caiaphas commanded Him: "I adjure you to speak!" All of a sudden Y'shua began to speak, why?

Matthew tells us how Caiaphas put Y'shua on solemn oath, and used the oath of testimony saying:

*Matt 26:63: **I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Messiah, the Son of God.***

Such an adjuration was understood to render an answer legally necessary, despite the fact that it was illegal to do this trial for life. By Law Y'shua had to reply:

*Lev 5:1: If any person refuses to give the information which, as a witness of something he has seen or learned, **he has been adjured to give**, and thus commits a sin and has guilt to bear.*

In this case, silence would have been by itself an admission of guilt. Another fact is if Y'shua did not speak here, He would have broken a Law which then in turn would have made Him a sinner.

Summary of "The Impossible Gospel"

The foundation of the impossible Gospel is as follows:

- 1) Was the Torah changed?
 - You cannot CHANGE the Law (Torah).

¹⁸ Matt 26:61-64

- If somebody changes it, that person must be stoned.
 - It must be revealed first by a Prophet such as in the Old Covenant before YHWH can change it, and Y'shua the Prophet did not change it.
- 2) Can Y'shua teach that the Torah is no longer applicable? YHWH says the Torah is FOREVER, and forever means FOREVER.
- If He did, He would've been stoned.
 - It would not have been "false witnesses" that condemned Y'shua, but true witnesses.
- 3) It was NEVER revealed that the Torah would come to an end; in fact, we see the complete opposite.
- Jeremiah chapter 31 talks about a New (Renewed) Covenant that will be made, but the New Covenant includes the Law: "*But this shall be **the covenant**, that I will make with **the house of Israel**, After those days, saith the Lord, I will put **my law** (Torah) in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*" (Verse 31).
 - Ezekiel 38 and 39 deals with the Battle of Gog and Magog as well as with the Battle of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation Period. Chapters 40-48 deal distinctly with the "Olam Haba" (the Millennial Reign of Y'shua) – the Thousand Years of Peace. Ezekiel in chapters 40-48 gives great detail how Y'shua will then reign in His Kingdom on earth. In these chapters, we see Temple sacrifices being restored (for celebrations and food for the Priests), Levites and Cohanim (Priests) resuming their responsibilities in the Rebuilt Temple, everything only according to the Torah. If the Law has been done away with, why would YHWH restore it again? No, the Law has never been done away with. Christians have been blinded by Satan from YHWH's very truths.

Conclusion

The basis of the "Impossible Gospel" is: "if Y'shua taught against the Torah, then He would have been disqualified as the Messiah and would've been a false messiah". The majority of Christianity believes in a messiah that cannot possibly exist. It's a messiah that broke the law, by changing it, while it was not prophesied to happen. It is a messiah that was a sinner, since he broke the Torah.

So, we either accept **both** the Torah AND the Messiah, or reject **both** the Torah AND the Messiah.

Y'shua could not teach against Torah; the same goes for ANY other Scripture author, period.

Food for thought

If you could prove that Y'shua taught:

- that circumcision of the flesh **should no longer** be observed,
- you would not be proving that circumcision should not be observed,
- you would **only** prove that **Y'shua is a false prophet** and a that He was NOT the prophesied Messiah of Israel.
- The same applies for any other Commandment which Y'shua explained.
- Then any other Scripture author which promoted the Torah must be classed as a false prophet, as well.

By the deducing the facts, we should really stop this teaching right here. This is really the conclusion of the matter. Any argument, debate, and opinion with regards to the Torah and its validity for today can be solved with this argument. This factual information, based on sound Scriptural interpretation, should settle all reasoning and prove undoubtedly that we should keep Torah.

Grossly Misinterpret Scriptures

We will now take you through the very verses from the New Covenant that Christians use as proof that the Law has been done away with. Please put your spiritual seatbelt on, as this ride could get bumpy!

Argument 1: Y'shua didn't do away with the law, nor taught it. He fulfilled the Law (Matt 5:17-18)

Now, some say that Y'shua didn't do away with the Torah. He did not come to "destroy/abolish" it, but "fulfilled" it. Let's look at this argument and see if it holds water.

There are two important words to look at in Matt 5:17; "abolish" and "fulfill"

*Think not that I am come to **destroy** (abolish) the law, or the prophets: I am not come to **destroy** (abolish), but to **fulfill**.*

The word "fulfill" is the Greek word *pleroo* and have various meanings:

- to make full, to fill up; i.e., to fill to the full, or
- to fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting, to full measure, to fill to the brim, or
- to fully preach*.

Abolish means to *do away with* or *to put an end to*. **Fulfill** according to Christians also means *to do away with* or *to put an end to*, exactly as Y'shua fulfilled the Law.

But looking carefully at Y'shua's words, He said He came to do **the one** (fulfill) and **not the other** (destroy/abolish), therefore they cannot mean the same thing.

What does **destroy/abolish** mean, and what does **fulfill** mean? Can they both end up having the same meaning and producing the same result?

Let's start at where else we find the Greek word *pleroo* ("fulfill"):

Rom 15:19: *in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have **fully preached** (pleroo) the gospel of Messiah.*

If *pleroo* (fulfill) means to "stop doing", are we now to stop preaching the Gospel; as Sha'ul (Paul) has fully done it and need no further action? Can't be, right? The next verse...

Rom 15:13: *Now the God of hope **fill** (pleroo) you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*

If YHWH has filled you with all joy in believing in Y'shua on a specific day, do you now stop *having joy* the next day and for the rest of your life? You see the argument from a **Christian perspective**; the Greco-western perspective is **totally flawed**. Let's now move on to what Y'shua actually said...

The words that Y'shua used: *"Think not that I am come to destroy (abolish) the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy (abolish), but to fulfill"* is a typical Hebrew idiom and can never be understood if you do not use the **correct tools** of interpretation, the "Hebrew tools".

It is interesting to note that Rabbis still use this idiom to this very day when they instruct their disciples. The Hebrew idiom is: *"You must fulfill the Torah"*, or: *"Do not destroy the Torah"*.

The Hebrew perspective, the correct tools for interpretation on Y'shua's words: *"Do not destroy the Torah"* literally means, **"do not misinterpret/misrepresent/teach the Torah incorrectly"**. Wow, what a renewal of thought!

"You must fulfill the Torah", on the other hand literally means, **"to interpret/represent/teach the Torah correctly"**.

So here we can clearly see that *abolish* or *fulfill* didn't have anything remotely to do with destroying the Torah or not destroying it. It merely said that Y'shua came *to interpret and represent His Father's Torah to us correctly*; or even *to fully preach it** – perfectly tailored with *pleroo*.

Now, consider Y'shua's *pleroo* word when you read what He says in the next verse:

Matt 5:18: *For verily **I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law** (Torah), till all be fulfilled.*

Another translation gives a more literal meaning:

18 ***I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.***

The question is: "Is heaven and earth still here?" Well, if it is, not one stroke of a pen, not the smallest letter **will change/disappear from the Law**.

Till all things are accomplished refers to heaven and earth disappearing, as seen in Revelation chapter 21. Heaven and earth is still here; that means again... that we should stop this teaching right here defending Y'shua's words, but let's give you some more facts.

Argument 2: The Least and the Greatest in the Kingdom (continue with Matt 5:19)

This next verse continues on the subject of keeping the Torah and has caused numerous erroneous interpretations.

Matt 5:19: *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be **called the least in the kingdom of heaven**: but whosoever shall **do and teach them**, the same shall be **called great in the kingdom of heaven**.*

What is the least commandment?

Deut 22:6-7: *6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, **thou shalt not take the dam with the young**: 7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days*

This is self-explanatory and nearly insignificant in the eye of the general person. But Y'shua says that the Christian or Pastor who **breaks** one of

the least of the commandments, the smallest and minutest of His Instructions in the Torah, and **teaches others so**, will be called the **least in the kingdom of heaven**.

You see, my Beloved Friend, many have been grossly deceived by the master deceiver – satan himself! We have been taught by the Pastors and Leaders in Ministry that the Law doesn't apply anymore. They have been deceived by satan to give clever ways past these Scriptures. It is all inherited lies through man's traditions¹⁹.

Inherited lies!

YHWH used the Prophet Jeremiah to give us a clear picture how corrupt the Christian Church will become:

Jer 16:19: O YHWH, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit".

Jeremiah said that people will eventually come to the conclusion in the end of days (just before Y'shua's return) that they have been taught worthless things and that they have inherited nothing but lies. What is your position now: accept or rebel? You have to make a decision.

Y'shua said the very same words as Jeremiah:

*Mark 7:13: Thus you nullify the word of God (destroy the truth) **by your tradition that you have handed down** (from your fathers). *And you do many things like that**

YHWH instructs us that there is only "one way"; one correct path, and that is the path which He laid down in the beginning:

*Jer 6:16: Thus says YHWH: "Stand by the roads, and look, and **ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.** But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'*

Yip, the **Torah road** brings life in abundance if you stay on this path. The Apocryphal book of Jubilees gives the same wisdom and actually predicts this point in time – the return to Torah!

*Jubilees 23:26: And in those days, the children shall begin to **study the laws and to seek the commandments and to return to the paths of righteousness**.*

That brings us to the point: what is righteousness...

¹⁹ Mark 7:13: Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition

Argument 3: What is Righteousness, according to YHWH (continue with Matt 5:20)?

Men have had heated debates on what YHWH's standard for righteousness is (only His Word can define it); but let's start with the Pharisees' Righteousness:

*20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed **the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees**, ye shall in no case **enter into the kingdom of heaven.***

Questions: Did the Pharisees teach the Law? Did they keep the Law?

Almost all Christians say yes, blaming the Pharisees as "bad" because they kept the Law; let's see...

Mark 7:18: *1 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, 2 they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, **unwashed** (not in Torah to wash hands). 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, **holding to the tradition of the elders**, 4 and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are **many other traditions that they observe**, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples **not walk according to the tradition of the elders**, but eat with defiled hands?" (Here we see clearly that this is speaking of TRADITION, not TORAH, in other words, the Commandments of men!) 6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, **teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**" 8 You **leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.**"*

What happened here is that they have put much more emphasis on the traditions of their fathers (the Oral Law) instead of adhering to the Torah (the Written Word of YHWH to Moshe). This is really about commandments and doctrines of men versus the commandments and doctrines of YHWH.

Now what is good doctrine?

Prov 4:2: *For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.*

What the Pharisees did is **exactly the same** as what Pastors and Christians do – **REJECTING** the Commandments of YHWH, but all the while accepting the traditions of men! Let's continue with Mark chapter 7:

9 And he said to them, "You have a fine way of **rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!** 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' 11 But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God)—12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, 13 thus **making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down.** And many such things you do."

Isn't this the same today? The 38,000 churches keeping the traditions of men and forsaking the Commandments of YHWH? We willingly keep all kinds of pagan holidays, while not keeping YHWH's festivals. Man even changed YHWH's Sabbath from the Biblical seventh day of the week to the pagan "Day of the Sun" Sunday observance, right from the RCC²⁰ church!

When Y'shua says, "For Moses said" (verse 10), He means as it is in the written Torah, the Written Law. When Y'shua says "But you say", He means the Commandments of Men.

So, this is what the Pharisees taught. Therefore, we need to know what "exceeding the righteousness of the Pharisees" mean.

How do we exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees, and what is righteousness?

1 John 3:7: *Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who **does what is right** (do Torah) **is righteous**, just as he is righteous.*

What is righteousness of YHWH?

- Torah (For Moses says)

What is the righteousness of the Pharisees?

- Hypocrisy (But you say)

In Mark chapter 7, Y'shua gives the contrast between the way to life and the way to death. That means that we must exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees, and that clearly is to keep the Torah.

There is, in other words, only one way to walk and that is in the "Old Commandments" that was given:

1 John 2:1-7: 1 *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Y'shua Hamashiach the righteous.* 2 *He is the*

²⁰ Roman Catholic Church

propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that **we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.** 4 Whoever says "I know him" **but does not keep his commandments** (the Torah) **is a liar, and the truth is not in him,** 5 but whoever **keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.** By this (Torah observance) we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him **ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.** 7 Beloved, I am writing you **no new commandment, but an old commandment** (Torah) **that you had from the beginning.** **The old commandment is the word that you have heard.**

This is also Law and Grace working together par excellence. The Law is there to identify when we sin; but then YHWH's Grace comes through His Son who makes atonement for our sins, as He became the fulfillment of the Offering. This means Law and Grace has always worked together; in fact, it was always Grace first and then the Law. YHWH first saved the Israelite from Egypt (Grace) and then He gave the Law at Mount Sinai. Also, after repentance, grace is a gift from YHWH as you start to study the Torah.

This means that the Law was never designed as a legalistic set of rules; no, the Law (indirect grace) is there to protect and direct you, always.

Yacov (James), Y'shua's half-brother, makes this profound statement that sums up the above-mentioned neatly. Remember, your salvation, your Faith in Y'shua can only come by Grace from YHWH:

James 2:18-26: 18 *But someone will say, "You have **faith** (Salvation/Grace) and I have **works** (Law/Torah)." Show me your **faith** (Salvation/Grace) **apart** (without) **from your works** (Law/Torah), and I will show you my **faith** (Salvation/Grace) by my **works** (Law/Torah). 19 *You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!* 20 *Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that **faith** (Salvation/Grace) **apart from works** (Law/Torah) **is useless?*** 21 *Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?* 22 *You see that **faith was active along with his works** (as explained above – Egypt), and **faith was completed by his works**;* 23 *and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham **believed** (faith in) God, and it was counted to him as **righteousness**"—and he was called a friend of God.* 24 *You see that a person is **justified by works** (Law/Torah) and not by **faith** (Salvation/Grace) alone.* 25 *And in **the same way** was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by **works** (Law/Torah) when she received the messengers and sent them out**

*by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also **faith** (Salvation/Grace) apart from **works** (Law/Torah) is dead.*

We can clearly see that these works are the good works of Torah (in fact, James states this in chapter 1:25) – and that it is faith AND works that justifies a man, not either/or. This is YHWH's righteousness that is required.

Argument 4: The Adulterous Woman (John 8:3-11)

Many Christians use this passage as an argument that the Law has been done away with or changed by Y'shua into a law of love and grace and forgiveness. But is it really the case?

*John 8:3-6: 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought **a woman** who had been caught in **adultery**, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught **in the act of adultery**. 5 Now in the **Law Moses** (Torah) commanded us **to stone such women**. So what do you say?" 6 This they said **to test him**, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Y'shua bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.*

We must note that Y'shua could have written a number of things, all carrying weight of the matter:

- 1) He could've written all their own sins; but this doesn't really make sense, since their sins would not admonish her from hers.
- 2) He could have written that Rome ruled; and as such, the Sanhedrin had no jurisdiction to put anyone to death. After all, He was crucified according to the Roman way and not according to the Jewish way (stoning), correct? It is a complex issue of what really was discussed here. According to the Torah, both a fornicator and an adulteress must be killed. The Pharisees, however, came to trap Y'shua to accuse Him of something more serious than most Christians read on the surface. There are basically two problems according to Halacha²¹:
 - If Y'shua meant to say to the Pharisees that the one without sin may cast the first stone, then He would have **added to the Torah** and contradicted the Torah, as the Torah says nobody is without sin.
 - If it is understood that Y'shua told the woman that she is without sin, then He would have **reduced the Torah**; as the Torah says nobody is without sin and He clearly told her "sin no more".

²¹ The Way

In other words, Y'shua would have violated the Torah twice, which of course He did not do. In the Oral Tradition it states clearly that if Israel is not a sovereign state—meaning have full rulership by its own—then her leaders are not allowed to give the death sentence. This, then, means if Y'shua **forgave the woman her sin**, He would have **violated the Torah**. If He **allowed the woman to be stoned**, He would have **violated the law of the land and the Roman authorities would have held Him accountable**. In other words, the Pharisees came to Y'shua with this "trap".

The solution to this very complex issue is what Y'shua wrote in the sand. What Y'shua wrote in the ground is the explanation of Torah and Roman authority issue. What follows next is what Y'shua told them—and this is even more important. What He said is *"he that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her"*. With this, He exposed them to the Torah which states clearly that all are sinners. This could be the reason why they later turned around and walked away.

But He wrote in the ground twice. He also could have told them that the **law of the land** requires that no Israelite be allowed to give the death sentence. In other words, Y'shua cleverly argued against this and did not violate any Torah or the Civil Law. The punch line is what Y'shua said next: *"Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more"*. What Y'shua was actually saying is, *"I do not sentence you, either; as I cannot break the Torah or go against the Civil Law, but go now and make sure you do not do those sins anymore"*. Also, Jewish law recognizes the "law of the land" in these matters; so that if the law of the land has greater restrictions, then they will also apply.

Most likely, the answer would be the following:

- 3) The Torah clearly prohibits adultery in the seventh of the Ten Commandments.

The Torah defines in Lev 20:10: *"If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, **both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.**"*

Again, the Torah in Deut 22:22 defines adultery as sexual relations between a **married woman** and a man other than her husband. **Both are guilty**, and the penalty is death by stoning according to the Torah.

Y'shua then asks them: John 10:7 *And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And **once more** he bent down and **wrote on the ground.***

As Y'shua is YHWH and the Torah manifested in flesh, Y'shua wrote the Law that BOTH should have been brought to be stoned. Where is the man? The legal procedural requirements were also **very exact** and required the testimony of **two witnesses** of good character²² for conviction.

He wrote the second time in Lev 5:1, *"If anyone sins in that he hears a public adjuration to testify, and though he is a witness, whether he has **seen or come to know the matter, yet does not speak, he shall bear his iniquity;**"*

The Law that says if you are a witness of a crime and you do not report it (meaning bring both of them as they were "caught in the act") and you keep quiet, then you are just as guilty as the Torah says and that you, as witness, must then be killed.

What happened next confirms that they found themselves in an awkward position: 9 *But **when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Y'shua was left alone with the woman **standing before him.***** 10 *Y'shua stood up and said to her, "Woman, **where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*** (Meaning where are those that came to condemn you as witnesses) 11 *She said, "**No one, Lord.**"* And Y'shua said, *"**Neither do I condemn you*** (as He could not, because by the Torah you need at least two witnesses); *go, and from now on **sin no more.**"* (He acknowledges that she indeed did this sin but even He could not violate the Torah by condemning her).

There are also other ideas and opinions as well, as to what Y'shua wrote. We believe He wrote the Laws that say that you must take them both to the elders at the gates, and make your case in the court.

Bottom-line, however, since Rome was ruling at this time and the Sanhedrin did not have the authority to stone people any more. This clearly shows that Y'shua complied fully with the **Torah and the law of the land**. This incident with the woman in fact proves that Y'shua **upheld the Law firmly**; He preached it to its fullness and did not do away with it as Christians explain with their watered-down opinions.

Argument 5: Peter's Vision on the Roof (Acts chapter 10)

This is the most referred passage in the New Covenant that states that Y'shua has done away with the dietary Laws after His resurrection and that we can now eat anything from pig, dog to reptiles...

²² Deut 17:6, 19:15

9 *The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, **Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray** (noon, lunchtime).* 10 *And he became **hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance*** 11 *and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.* 12 *In it were **all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air.*** 13 *And there came **a voice to him** (YHWH): "**Rise, Peter; kill and eat.**"* 14 *But Peter said, "**By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.**"* 15 *And the voice came to him again a second time, "**What God has made clean, do not call common.**"* 16 ***This happened three times**, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.* 17 *Now while **Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean**, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate*

Ok, so here we see that Peter CLEARLY did not know what this vision meant, in fact he was distressed! Why was this vision such a mystery to him?

Surely Elohim was telling him to eat unclean meats? It is clear from this passage that YHWH now gave Peter the okay to eat anything! Or is it?

Let's bring this whole incident in Acts chapter 10 in perspective by suggesting a modern-day version of this vision:

*You see a machine gun on a white sheet
and a bunch of children on it.
You hear a voice saying: "Rise, shoot and kill".*

If YHWH commands you THREE TIMES in a direct instruction, would you blatantly ignore Him? Well Peter did exactly that! Peter was not rebellious at all.

You need to understand that the dietary laws of Leviticus 11 was such a big part of his life and that he, in his wildest dreams, would never ever even "think" to slaughter a pig and to eat it, because this is what he heard! It was unfathomable to him, that YHWH would EVER say something such as this. Peter was at this point perplexed and all shaken up.

Peter and the Disciples were grounded in the Torah and sat for years at Y'shua's feet listening painstakingly at His teachings and following their Rabbi's way. He also set the example for them to not eat anything unclean. On top of that, this was only 10 YEARS after Y'shua's death and resurrection and Y'shua's lifestyle was still vividly remembered in Peter's life.

So why did Peter refuse? Peter was testing the vision according to Deut 13, to see whether it was of Elohim or not. It could not contradict Torah! YHWH would never, ever instruct Peter to do anything that violates His own rules, the Torah. Think about that.

Could Y'shua, or would Y'shua after His resurrection, all of a sudden just randomly change His Father's rules, the Torah? Could He just decide to abolish them? Or, are YHWH and Y'shua both schizophrenic and totally confused? No, not at all!!! Again, it boils down to **interpretation** through **context**.

What was Acts chapter 10 all about? Well, we as Hebrew Rooted people insist that Scripture explains Scripture and do not listen to "man's" opinions; for that you apply the golden rule, "keep on reading". The answer is in verse 28 and so easy any child could understand it:

*28 And he (YHWH) said to them, "You yourselves know **how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I (Peter) should not call any person common or unclean.***

How Christians can twist YHWH's Word to promote eating a pig, a scavenger that YHWH created to clean the earth and which was never, ever classified as "food", is beyond our thinking capacity.

But let's continue – Acts chapter 11 undoubtedly confirms this mysterious vision of Peter. Thus, the crux of the matter is that YHWH did NOT talk about pork but about man, as chapter 11 confirms that this is not about "food". Peter tells this story to the council, and does not mention food at all.

In conclusion, Peter's vision has nothing at all to do with food.

Argument 6: The Jerusalem Council (Acts chapter 15)

If there is one chapter that Pastors take out of context, then it is Acts chapter 15. There is a tremendous amount of confusion about this event.

To start with, please take note that there are two groups of people in this "court case":

1. Verse 1: A group that holds to "salvation by works".
2. Verse 5: A group that says you "keep the Torah regardless".

It is important to know that verses one and 2 occur in Galatia. Men from Judea (group 1, verse 1), the province around Jerusalem, came to Galatia and taught the Assembly. Their teachings caused a division in the Assembly, after which they sent Paul and Barnabas to go to Jerusalem to find an

answer to this question about salvation by works from the elders and apostles. Let's investigate this section and see what really happened:

1 *But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers (in Galatia), **"Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."*** (This is Group 1) 2 *And after Paul and Barnabas had **no small dissension and debate with them** (a heated debate), Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed **to go up to Jerusalem** to the apostles and the elders **about this question.*** 3 *So, **being sent on their way by the church** (Church of Galatia), they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the **conversion of the Gentiles**, and brought great joy to all the brothers.*

These "men from Judea" (verse 1) was the same group of men that taught the brethren in Galatians chapter 2 and the whole issue revolves around the conversion of the pagan Gentiles.

4 *When they **came to Jerusalem**, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them.*

Now, at this point, Paul and Barnabas also mentioned this question of salvation by works. This was part of the things that Elohim had done with them. Let's continue.

5 *But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, **"It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."*** (This is Group 2)

After hearing the two sides, the Apostles and Elders then gathered together to consider this court case, and provide a verdict.

6 *The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.* 7 *And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.* 8 *And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us,* 9 ***and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.*** 10 *Now, therefore, **why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke** (The yoke was a Rabbi's teaching. The disciple would follow a certain Rabbi's teachings, meaning he will take on the Rabbi's yoke) **on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?** (why do you put a rabbinical teaching on this group that is too difficult to do – keeping the Law for salvation)* 11 ***But we believe***

that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Y'shua, just as they will." 12 *And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. What yoke was this? Keeping the law for salvation.* 13 ***After they finished speaking, James (Yakov) replied, "Brothers, listen to me. 19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, 20 but should write to them to abstain from (A) **the things polluted by idols**, and from (B) **sexual immorality**, and from what has been (C) **strangled**, and from (D) **blood**.*** 21 *For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."*

Yakov showed why he was looked to as the lead apostle because he understood the matter, and was able to state an opinion that concluded the matter in a good way. He states that the new converts should abstain from four things (idolatry, sexual immorality, strangled [or unclean] meats, and blood); and that they should be allowed into the synagogues after this, so they could hear the Torah of Moshe – which was read aloud in the synagogues each week since ancient times. Meaning, if those with the Spirit would just begin with these four things, then eventually they would learn to keep the rest of the Torah over time.

Verse 21 is never quoted – and everyone who quotes Acts 15, stops the quote at verse 20. However, this makes perfect sense since it would be a completely overwhelming experience to receive a list of 613 Laws – and being told that you have to keep them from that moment onward. Remember, these Gentiles didn't grow up in a Torah-observant lifestyle. The same would happen to you if you were in this position. No, James suggested that they start off with a foundation and then study the Torah at a more manageable pace (every Sabbath in the Synagogues).

These four things are the points of departure after salvation, to start your journey on the ancient path to study Torah.

From what we saw here in these various arguments is that Y'shua and the rest of the authors upheld the Torah. Torah was not done away with; the problem lies with the interpretation of the Scripture. Scripture is taken out of context to promote a dogma that is not based on YHWH's biblical truths, either ignorantly or otherwise.

Will we keep the Torah in the Millennial Reign and Thereafter?

Scripture says it all:

Rev 12:17: *Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on **those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Y'shua.***

Rev 14:12: *Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, **those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Y'shua.***

Rev 22:14: *Blessed are they that **do** (a verb) **his commandments**, that they may have **right to the tree of life**, and **may enter in through the gates into the city.***

Makes you think, doesn't it? What if you still refuse to keep the Torah, where will your destiny be?

The New Covenant

Are you under the new (renewed) covenant? And what are the conditions for a new covenant? Who is the new covenant made with?

Jer 31:31-34: 31 *Behold, **the days come**, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 *Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law (Torah) in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts (true Believers will live and eat the Torah); and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 *And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, **from the least of them unto the greatest of them**, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.***

Come on! There is only One Law for YHWH, His Torah! Beloved Friend take note, this passage is taken from the Old Covenant and there is no other Law. This means if you want to be under the New (Renewed) Covenant, you need to have the Torah written on your heart; and you need to have the Spirit of Elohim that will teach you to keep the Torah (Ezek 34).

What the Church is busy with today

Ezekiel the Prophet prophesies:

Ezek 22:23-28: 23 *And the **word of the Lord** (direct from YHWH) came to me: 24 "Son of man, say to her, **You are a land that is not cleansed** or rained upon in the day of indignation. 25 **The conspiracy of her prophets** (Rev 17) **in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured human lives** (steering Christians away from the Torah); **they (the church) have taken treasure and precious things** (mega churches greedy for money); **they have made many widows in her midst.** 26 **Her priests have done violence to my law** (Torah) **and have profaned my holy things.** **They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded my Sabbaths, so that I (YHWH) am profaned among them.** 27 **Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, destroying lives to get dishonest gain** (preaching a "Name it, Claim it, and Frame it" Gospel – all for financial gain and thereby teaching no truth, destroying Christians). 28 **And her prophets have smeared whitewash for them** (approved these deeds), **seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord God,' when the Lord has not spoken.***

HRTI's staff has been around – we come from different backgrounds and denominations; we have seen it all and talk from experience. Here we see that priests, prophets and princes are stealing their congregations' finances, violating YHWH's Law, not teaching the difference between holy and common, unclean and clean, desecrating the Sabbaths, prophesying false visions – and approving of all this in YHWH's name!!!

How does your church measure up to this?

Now for the Shocking Reality

Take a deep breath and listen to what came directly from Y'shua's own mouth. He reinforces what YHWH said through Ezekiel. These are His words and His standards for the church leaders of today:

Matt 7:15-23: 15 **Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.** 16 **You will recognize them by their fruits** (the Torah tree). *Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?* 17 *So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.* 18 *A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear*

good fruit. 19 **Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire** (Hell). 20 Thus you will **recognize them by their fruits** (the church leaders by their Torah fruit). 21 **"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does** (a verb) **the will** (Torah) **of my Father who is in heaven.** 22 On that day **many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'** 23 And then will **I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of TORAH-lessness.'**

Beloved Friend, do you sit in a church where your Pastor teaches that the Law has been done away with or that it is not applicable anymore? Then you have two choices:

- 1) Inform the Pastor of his erroneous doctrine and help him by giving him the truth (these booklets for free). If he does not want to hear, run as fast as you can out of that church and get to a place where the truth is taught – but you cannot sit in that church without telling him the truth and reason, "I will stay here just for "peace sake"." Why can't you? Because the Torah says in Lev 5:1 that **if you know a brother errs, you need to hold him** accountable and bring the truth to the table (read also Ezek 3:17-21). Or, you can
- 2) Stay in the church and keep on disregarding YHWH's Torah; then you have a major problem. Your **tithings are a total waste** as YHWH won't accept it (meaning you sow in vain), **your teachings** that you get are **from a liar** as per YHWH's standard – 1 John 2:4: **"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments (Torah), is a liar, and the truth is not in him"**.

The Torah Protestor's Prayer

If you are still protesting against the Torah, then consider Prov 28:9:

*He that **turns away his ear from hearing the law,**
even **his prayer shall be abomination.***

And Y'shua said the same in John 9:31:

*We know that God **does not listen to sinners,**
(willful sinners against Torah)
but if anyone is a worshiper of God and **does his will,**
God listens to him.*

Conclusion

Make sure you journey down the old, ancient way and check in at 613 Torah Street...

*Something mind-boggling is happening right now before our eyes!
What can only be seen as a sovereign work of the Ruach HaKodesh is breaking forth as Christians around the world are working to **return** to their **historical Hebrew foundation**. After being **stained** for more than eighteen centuries by Judaeophobia, anti-Judaism, and anti-Semitism, many Christians are is being impacted by an unprecedented revolution of restoration. Scholars, clergy, and laity from virtually every nationality, ethnicity, and denomination are reconnecting their faith in Messiah Y'shua with its historical Hebraic Roots in the **Torah**. **HalleluYAH***

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²³ The truth of the Torah makes you see the mistranslations in the New Covenant. It's amazing how you can look at the epistles of Rabbi Paul one way and it looks like he's leading the body of Messiah away from Torah; when in reality, he's leading them **to** Torah. A paradox of vantage point. Let us remember, the intent of the law maker constitutes the law. We need to walk a mile or two in our Hebrew Messiah's shoes

²⁴ **Matt 15:3** *But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?* **Matt 15:6** *And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.* **Mark 7:9** *And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition*

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