



WHAT IS TRUTH?

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"Pilate said unto him, What is truth?" - Yochanan (John) 18:38

Men have been asking this question for several thousand years. In a confusing world of different opinions would you like to know the truth?

"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshippers."

- Yochanan (John) 4:23

Yeshua (Jesus) not only wants His followers to be led by the Spirit of God, but He wants them to be governed by truth (which will happen if they are led by the Spirit). So, what is truth??

"Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness. Your law (Torah) is truth."

- Tehillim (Psalms) 119:142

"One who says, "I know Him," and doesn't keep his mitzvot (commandments), is a liar, and the truth isn't in him." – 1 Yochanan (John) 2:4

God's righteousness is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and it is defined by His Torah. In fact, Messiah Yeshua is the Word of God, He is the living Torah of Adonai. He perfectly kept the God of Israel's Torah (Law), displaying perfect righteousness. If Messiah lives in us...He will also do His righteousness through us. Therefore, it is no longer us, but Him. For the scripture says,

"I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." – Yochanan (John) 15:5

"Yeshua said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me." – Yochanan (John) 14:6

Yeshua is the "Truth", because He is the living Torah (the Word made flesh). He is the "way" in which we should walk. His way (Torah) should be our "life". He was both the perfect example of love, and obedience, and He was Torah observant (He could not contradict His own nature). Yochanan (John) 17:17 Yeshua prayed to the Father concerning His followers in this manner: "Sanctify them in your truth. Your word is truth" (Psalms 119:142).

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) warned if someone does not speak according to the commandments in Torah (God's Law) they had "no light in them"...

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." - Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 8:20

No doubt Yeshua had this scripture in mind when He said, "Let your light so shine before men...", and then starts talking about His Father's Torah (law).

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill (make full/complete). For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 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 (Torah), the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

- Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:16-19

Are you doing and teaching the Torah of God? Let Yeshua be true, and every man a liar. Truly Yeshua spoke light, and truth. He is the way, the truth, and the life, and He was, and is Torah observant! He is our Jewish Rabbi and will come back as the Lion of Judah!

"This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and doesn't come to the light, lest his works would be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God." - Yochanan (John) 3:19-21

Men hate the Torah of God because it points out their evil works. But, he who "does the truth" (Tehillim/Psalm 119:142) comes to the light. As we see in the above passage, the "truth" is something you do. How do you do the truth? Answer: Reread Mattityahu (Matthew) 5:16-19.

What about Sha'ul (Paul)? He was Torah observant too. What did he say??

"While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all." - Acts 25:8

Here is what Sha'ul taught...

“Do we then make void the law (Torah) through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law (Torah).” - Romans 3:31

True Torah keeping can only be established through faith of individuals filled by the Spirit of God (Yechezk'el/Ezekiel 36:26-27).

“Wherefore the law (Torah) is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”
- Romans 7:12

Doesn't the Spirit of God lead us to do what is "holy, just, and good"? Please reread the above passage. The "Christian Church" by and large does not understand Sha'ul's (Paul's) writings because they read them outside of the Hebraic mindset he had and of which constituted his daily life. Even Kefa (Peter) said that Sha'ul was hard to be understood, and could be easily twisted. And, through a Gentile mindset this is exactly what the "Church" has done for the last 1700+ years....

“And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.” - 2 Kefa (Peter) 3:15-16

If your pastor tells you that God doesn't want or expect you to do the things contained within His Torah (first five books of the Bible)...your pastor is a liar, and the truth is not in him. Does that sound harsh, legalistic, and unloving to you? They are not my words...

“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that says, I know him, and doesn't keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps his word, in him truly is the love of God perfected: this is how we know that we are in him. He that says he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” - 1 Yochanan (John) 2:3-6

You see, if we understood the Hebraic context of what it means to be a disciple, especially of a Rabbi (our Messiah), than we know that this includes walking in every way like our Rabbi. Our Rabbi's walk was characterized by Torah based love (truth in love). Christianity asks the right question in asking, “What would Jesus do?” when trying to determine how to conduct their lives. This is the question a disciple would ask. But, unfortunately many whom ask the question really don't want the answer. Yeshua our Rabbi live a completely Torah observant life. Therefore, if one wishes to ask the question, “What would Jesus Do” in the hope to follow in His footsteps...than a Torah observant life of love and obedience is the conclusion of the matter. The fact is, if your pastor or minister tells you that Yeshua (Jesus) did away with His Father's Torah/Law...most likely, your pastor's seminary lied to him, and now he is repeating the lie. Do you want to be free to worship our Heavenly Father in spirit and in truth?

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

- Yochanan (John) 8:32

And, truly the Truth will make you free, for the Law (Torah) of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul...

“The law of ADONAI is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of ADONAI is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of ADONAI are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of ADONAI is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of ADONAI is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of ADONAI are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.” - Tehillim (Psalms) 19:7-11

Be truthful with yourself, does the above passage describe you? Has the truth of God, has the Torah (Law) of God converted your life?

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