

Frequently Asked Questions

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Here are a couple of frequently asked questions from people. It's not an exhaustive list, but a start. We will be adding new questions regularly.

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Why do you call Jesus Yeshua?

Often you will hear us call him "Yeshua" or "Yeshua HaMashiach" because we refer to the Messiah (HaMashiach in Hebrew) by the name His mother gave Him. She heard and obeyed the message given to her in a dream of what to name Him. Separately, angels came to both Mary (Luke 1:31) and her future husband Joseph (Matt 1:21) and told them what to call this coming child. In Hebrew, Yeshua actually means salvation. So, the people in Israel who knew Him when He walked the earth called Him "Yeshua". Should we hear and obey the same instructions or follow the habit of the world?

Do you believe Jesus is your savior?

Yes, we believe that Yeshua is the Son of God, the Messiah, the Eternal One in Whom all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form, and who is the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, and whose glory we beheld, the glory of the uniquely begotten Son of God, full of grace and truth. THE GOOD NEWS is that Yeshua HaMashiach paid our "death penalty" sentence. We believe our salvation is gifted through trust in God's promise (Gal 3:5-8 & 14) that this death penalty we have so richly earned is covered. This IS the same promise made to Abraham and we, by accepting this truth, become one of Abraham's children, too! (Gal 3:7) Yes, indeed, there are Jews by birth and if you believe in the promise you are adopted into the family!

Was Yeshua (Jesus) a Rabbi?

Rabbi means teacher and Torah means instruction (not law) in Hebrew.

Yeshua is the Living Torah according to John 1:1-14: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was NOT any thing made (that was made). In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

So in the sense that He is the living breathing instruction, YES, he'd have to be the perfect teacher.

Do you believe the law was nailed to the cross?

No, emphatically no! The "written record" of my offenses were nailed to the cross according to Colossians 2:14. If I get a speeding ticket and a judge throws it out in court, the speed limit of that road does not change. No one pulls down the speed limit signs only my ticket is eliminated. This is exactly the same message of that verse. Also, the curse of the law (my death penalty sentence) was nailed to the cross with Yeshua when he took my place (Gal 3:13). The law was perfectly kept by Yeshua and He said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments (John 14:15 & 21)." "I am not come to destroy (the law) but to fulfil (Matt 5:17)."

Are you a Christian?

I strive to pattern myself after my teacher Yeshua HaMashiach (Jesus the Christ) and follow Him in the way and the truth. I am a believer in the Most High God, that God is One; salvation is to the Jew first and then to the Gentile; the Shabbat is on the 7th day and the other Holy Days are to be kept forever; and last but NOT least that Torah (which really translates as instruction, not law) is the answer to all problems and THE measure of all truth; and that the prophets, writings and Apostles are inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for evidence, for correction and for instruction in righteousness. My roots are not from Antioch and I am a believer (Acts 5:14, 1 Tim 4:12) in the most high God.