

I AM A FOLLOWER OF JESUS.....

Are you are a follower of Jesus?You might need to reconsider.

Let me begin with a quote from the New Testament...from an epistle written to non-Jews like you and me.

2 Corinthians: 13:5

Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith; test yourselves. Don't you know yourself, that Yeshua is in you.....?

I think that this is a very good idea to prove to ourselves that what we believe is true by self-examination; the past six years of research and study into a number of subjects including the “real historical Jesus/ Yeshua” has been a time of self-examination of our religious beliefs. In light of historical facts we have been forced to change much of our religious beliefs and repent of our past. We have found that like ourselves countless other God fearing truth seekers have been forced to also change their belief along the way as well, many long before ever we did.

It is our desire that this article will challenge you to begin to seriously scrutinize your religious beliefs as we have been challenged to do over the years. May Yahweh witness truth to your inner most being.

Let's start by answering a question: Was Jesus/Yeshua a Christian?

Would he ascribe today to the vast majority of doctrines taught in his name in churches which go by his name?

Let's investigate. First we need to set the stage for what is coming next. Be as honest with yourself as possible in answering these next questions.

TO WHICH RELIGION WOULD A PERSON BE A MEMBER IF HE DID THE FOLLOWING?

- Was circumcised on the eighth day.
- Kept Sabbath from Friday sundown to Saturday sundown.
- Attended a synagogue regularly.
- Kept the Biblical Festivals such as Passover, Hag Ha Matzah (Unleavened Bread), Shavuot (Pentecost), Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Sukkoth (Tabernacles) and Hanukkah.
- Was a citizen and friend of Israel and believed Israel is the example for all non-Jewish people in the world
- His Bible contained the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings ONLY!

- Quoted passages as authoritative from the Mishnah (the Oral Law).
- Taught that Deuteronomy 6:4 was the most important commandment.
- Wore a tallith and phylacteries in religious services
- Did not eat unclean foods
- Taught the eternalness of God's Covenants and His Laws
- Taught that faith without works is no faith at all
- Taught that salvation is more concerned with events in the here and now than what occurs beyond the grave

I would imagine that most of you came up with the same answer.....you don't have to be a brain surgeon to recognize that one who practiced such a faith does not practice Christianity.....did you get it?.....the teachings of Judaism.

NOW, LET'S LOOK AT ANOTHER PERSON. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE RELIGION OF THIS PERSON?

- Keeps the Sabbath on Sunday which is the legacy of Sun worship today.
- Attends a church which most likely rejects most things Jewish.
- Keeps Easter and Christmas which are pagan festivals made to look religious to those who don't know the difference.
- Carries a Bible containing an Old Testament and a New Testament which ironically contradicts the Old.
- Stresses a person's beliefs over his actions.
- Teaches that people had to be "saved" by acknowledging a creed or an established set of beliefs in order to go to heaven.
- Teaches that they are not under the law and that the Law has passed away and they are under grace.
- Teaches that the church had replaced Israel as God's people and sees itself as the fulfilment of prophecies given to Israel.
- Teaches that you can eat anything...even Biblically unclean foods
- Attaches no special significance to circumcision.
- Sin has been nailed to the cross.

I bet you got the right answer again a Christian.

If you like us up until some six years ago you will let it go at that. However.....

LET'S GO DEEPER THAN YOU POSSIBLY HAVE BEFORE

Now let's take this discussion one more step by answering this question.

If a Jew wanted to become a member of a Christian religion could he continue practicing Judaism in the church?

You would only have to ask your Pastor that one to get the answer. Probably in the 99.9% of the cases the answer would be - NO!

If a Christian wanted to become a convert to Judaism could they continue practicing Christianity and the items listed above? Again the answer is rather obvious. NO

It is very apparent that not only are Judaism and Christianity different religions, they are exclusive in many ways. This reveals an amazing fact which can be seen by asking one very simple question –

WHICH RELIGION DID JESUS/YESHUA BELONG TO...CHRISTIANITY OR JUDAISM?

Before you answer the question we need to look at the term Judaism. In this context we are talking about the Judaism taught by Yahweh to Moses at mount Sinai found in the Hebrew Tanakh (Old Testament).

Now for your answers to the above question. He;

- **Was circumcised on the eighth day.**
- **Kept Sabbath from Friday sundown to Saturday sundown.**
- **Attended a synagogue regularly.**
- **Kept the Biblical Festivals such as Passover, Hag Ha Matzah (Unleavened Bread), Shavuot (Pentecost), Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Sukkoth (Tabernacles) and Hanukkah.**
- **Was a citizen and friend of Israel and believed Israel is the example for all non-Jewish people in the world**
- **His Bible contained the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings ONLY!**
- **Quoted passages as authoritative from the Mishnah (the Oral Law).**
- **Taught that Deuteronomy 6:4 was the most important commandment.**
- **Wore a tallith and phylacteries in religious services**
- **Did not eat unclean foods**
- **Taught the eternalness of God's Covenants and Laws (mitzvoh)**
- **Taught that faith without works is no faith at all**
- **Taught that salvation is more concerned with events in the here and now than what occurs beyond the grave**

The easy part is: The answer to the above question is a matter of historical record which is easily attested to by the New Testament itself-- Yeshua was a Jew, not a Christian and he was certainly not both. It is clear that Yeshua was a practicing Jew who lived a very observant Jewish life-style. That's why he has a Jewish name. Yeshua

How did Yeshua being a Jew ever end up with a Greek name?

This is very interesting. We cannot find any instance whatsoever where Yeshua ever:

- Kept the Sabbath on Sunday,
- attended or affiliated with any group which rejected things Jewish,
- kept the pagan festival of Ishtar/Easter or the sun god's birthday (Saturnalia...December 25th....Christmas) which were pagan festivals which have been made to look religious to us today,
- ever taught anything that contradicted the Old Testament as does much in the New Testament,
- ever stressed a person's beliefs over his actions,
- ever taught that people had to be "saved" by acknowledging a creed or an established set of beliefs in order to go to heaven,
- ever taught that people are not under the law or that the Law had passed away and they were under grace alone,
- ever taught that the church had replaced Yisrael as God's people, and
- ever taught that you can eat anything...even Biblically unclean foods.

Can You?

YESHUA NEVER RENOUNCED JUDAISM OR QUIT BEING A JEW

An amazing discovery for any Christian is the fact and realisation that there is simply no evidence that Yeshua ever renounced Judaism and quit being a Jew. His teachings do not indicate that he ever wanted any Jew to renounce their Judaism and join a new religion. If this revelation ever breaks into your conscious mind then you will **have to confront Gentile Christianity for what it has actually become despite** what you have been told or examples given you.

How then, did Yeshua get credited with the distinct label that he was the person responsible for creating a new religion?

How did Yeshua get credit for creating another religion which opposed the religion and way of life he was born into and continued to live...even up to his death?

Let us try to answer questions raised by such an assumption, teachings and doctrine:

LOOKING THROUGH THE EYES OF A JEWISH RABBI NAMED YESHUA

Would a rabbi prohibit circumcision or downplay its significance?

Would a rabbi change the Sabbath to another day...let alone to the day set aside for sun worship by the pagans?

Would a rabbi create a replacement for the synagogue?

Would a rabbi substitute a pagan feast which was clearly idolatrous, Ishtar (Easter), for Passover?

Would a rabbi want his followers to celebrate the birth of a Roman god (Saturnalia -- December 25)?

Would a rabbi teach his students to not keep the mitzvot (instructions, teachings and commands) or that they no longer applied when God already said they were forever?

Would a rabbi teach Gentiles to hate Jews?

Would a rabbi add books to the Tanakh in spite of the warning in Deuteronomy forbidding the changing or adding to the Word of Yahweh?

Would a rabbi replace Deuteronomy 6:4 as the most important mitzvah (instruction)?

Would a rabbi teach Gentiles that it is permissible to eat unclean food when Noah, himself a non-Jew separated animals based on the principle of clean/unclean long before there were any Jews?

The answer to all the above questions is that a rabbi wouldn't, and that includes a rabbi named Yeshua!

TOUGH - THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ANSWER FOR YOURSELF

If Yeshua didn't create a new anti-Jewish religion, who did?

Who is responsible and what were their motives in replacing the faith of Yeshua with a faith about Yeshua?

Was it the men who acquired leadership after Yeshua' departure and the death of the Apostles who did such a thing ?

Were those responsible for changing the faith of Yeshua actually Jews or Non-Jews and were their motives in changing Jewish doctrines consistent with anti-Semitism?

Did they continue teaching Yeshua's message and his gospel or did they change Yeshua's message in places, and are you, at the present not yet aware of it at your present level of knowledge?

WE WOULD DO WELL TO EXAMINE VERY CLOSELY THIS PICTURE PAINTED BY THE BOOK OF ACTS.

The book of Acts provides us with some very valuable information most Christians have disregarded. Acts 21:17-25 records Paul's return to Jerusalem and his meeting with the leaders of the "church." Now, keep in mind these were the men who had been personally taught by and lived with Yeshua. Their words provide us with some very enlightening information.

The translation given below is based on a cultural and historical methodology. Your bible translation most probably reflects the doctrines of the Roman church and therefore may differ.

"You see, brother (referring to the Apostle Paul), how many thousands of Jews have become faithful (observant). All of them are zealous for the Torah (Law). They have been informed that you have taught the Jews of the Diaspora (scattering of the ten tribes of Yisrael by Yahweh/God) to not keep the Torah, that they should not circumcise their children or live according to the Jewish religion.... Take these men do the following... so that everybody will know that there is no truth in these reports about your teachings, but that you yourself are living an observant life-style and keeping the Torah."

Remember that this is a picture of Yeshua's church.....

A quick summary then provides us with some very significant information. Understanding that this passage reflects events which occurred long after Yeshua's death then I ask you to be truthful to the text as well as yourself in asking yourself this:

Is your church producing the same results as this summary below?

- Jews who believe in Yeshua are becoming more faithful (observant to the Law) because of the message taught by Yeshua's followers.
- The message of Yeshua's church caused adherents to become zealous for the Torah (Law).
- The members of Yeshua's church kept the Laws of Moses (the Torah).
- The members of Yeshua's church circumcised their children.
- The members of Yeshua's church lived according to the traditions of the elders of Judaism (the Jewish religion).

Notice that Paul did as he was requested – Paul's example, at least while he was in Jerusalem under the watchful eyes of the Apostles, wasn't teaching the Jews to abandon their religion. On the contrary, Paul's behaviour and example was one as "under the law" and as one who lived an observant Jewish life-style.

How then could he have been the author of a doctrine that advocated rejecting the law as is ascribed to him by most Christians today?

Not meaning to over-stress this point, but are you really getting the importance of this message as taught by Yeshua's church in Palestine?

IS YOUR CHURCH PREACHING THE SAME GOSPEL AND MESSAGE AS YESHUA'S CHURCH?

Again looking at Acts 21 for our information.....let us examine what we are taught by this New Testament picture:

- **The message of the apostles caused Jews to repent and become observant Jews who practiced Judaism faithfully.**
- **The apostles were causing Jews to become eager for the Torah and to pursue it with fervour. It is clear that they were not teaching them that "they were under grace and no longer under the law" or that "the law has passed away after Yeshua's death" as we have been told today. This one point is in complete opposition to most fundamental teaching of every modern Christian doctrine.**
- **The Jewish members of the early church continued to circumcise their children. In other words, they continued to see themselves as participants in the Abrahamic Covenant, just as every practicing Jew does today. Their children were Jews, not members of some new mystical religion that replaced Judaism.**
- **The Jewish members of the early church continued to practice Judaism. They did not switch to a new religion.**

HOW ARE WE TO INTERPRET PAUL'S ACTIONS?

When we look at Paul's actions, after being ordered by James to take several men with him to the Temple, thereby paying for their animal sacrifices in order to prove that he was an observant Jew by bringing blood sacrifices and sin offerings necessary in finishing his Nazarite vow, we are faced with two possibilities:

(A) Paul intentionally deceived the apostles and the Jews in Jerusalem; or,

(B) Paul's image and/or the teachings attributed Paul may have been altered by the Roman Church a hundred or more years later.

Did Paul intentionally deceive the apostles by faking his true beliefs when bringing sacrifices in the Temple after Yeshua's death?

If Paul did deceive them, could you put much confidence in his teachings at other places in the New Testament? Remember he already has said that he can become anything to anyone to prove his argument and accomplish his goals.

On the other hand, if Paul's words were changed by the Roman Church could we base our foundational beliefs on forged documents?

Christianity, almost universally, requires a Jew to convert to Christianity before he can become a member of the church or be saved. This conversion process forces the Jew to renounce his or her Judaism and terminate or redefine many Biblical and Jewish practices.

Having read this article so far, please think deeply while answering these next questions:

Would your church require a Jew to renounce or stop practicing Judaism if he or she wanted to become a member?

How many circumcisions have you attended for the children of Jewish members of your church?

How many of your church's members are Jewish and are zealous for the Torah and are pursuing it with fervour?

Does your church conduct at least one Torah study per week?

How many of your church's Jewish members are observant Jews?

When was the last time you attended a Passover Seder, or a Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur service at your church?

Do you have a rabbi or a minister well educated in the Hebraic Roots of Christianity leading your church?

Your answers to the above questions are probably -- Yes, None, None, No, None, Never and Minister.

I want you take some time to think about the next question before you answer it.

What would your church require a rabbi to do if he applied for membership?

Would they allow him to continue to be a rabbi, practice Judaism, teach the Torah, wear his prayer shawl, observe all the Jewish festivals and teach the members that they were under the Law?

What if that rabbi was Yeshua?

Are you beginning to see the truth?

Without a great deal of effort it becomes glaringly apparent that neither Rabbi Yeshua, the apostles nor the Paul of Acts 21, would be allowed to join a Christian Church the likes of which we see today. On the other hand, it is also clear that

Rabbi Yeshua would not participate in any religion that not only opposes, but is actively dedicated to destroying his Father's religion!

Gentile Christianity has for centuries felt it was given a mandate from God to "save the world." This is the goal and stated mission of Christianity.

THE SILENT SLAUGHTER OF TRUTH

How is this mission to "save the world" to be accomplished?

Just ask the Southern Baptist Convention or the Jews for Jesus or the Baptist union of New Zealand or in fact any of the New Zealand Christian Churches who have vowed to win every Jew to Yeshua, or they will be lost. (go to hell) To put it very simply, the goal is to convert every Jew (non-Christian) to Christianity. The Jewish convert must renounce his Judaism (or any non-Christian religion he may hold), agree to accept the doctrines of Gentile Christianity and oppose any religion that opposes Gentile Christianity.

Muslims are engaged in a physical holy war (Jihad), Gentile Christianity has engaged in a doctrinal and dare I say it a psychological holy war.

As I stated above, Christianity is an exclusive religion. Christians are not allowed to simultaneously practice Islam, Buddhism, Judaism or any other religion. In fact Christian churches jealously guard and frown on any of their flock going to another Christian denomination.

Therefore, if Christianity was to attain its goal of "getting every person on the face of the earth to believe in Jesus (the Roman Messiah)," including all the Jews, Judaism would be totally destroyed and cease to exist. If this were ever to happen, and I pray it does not, then Christianity would have the dubious honour which Hitler in vain tried to achieve; namely the eradication of not only the Jewish people from the face of this planet, but the total destruction of the true faith of Yeshua...Biblical Judaism.

This would accomplish something that the crusaders, the inquisition, Hitler and a number of others have failed to accomplish.

Have you ever thought of that? I believe it is time for all of Christianity to give it seriously thought.

How do you think a Jewish Yeshua would react to the idea that such a mission was being carried out in his name?

This really gets weird when you think about it! Christians base their proof for their ultimate salvation on a Jewish rabbi named Yeshua (Jesus), who was an observant Jew who faithfully practiced Judaism. On the one hand, his religion would most probably not allow him to practice modern Christianity. On the other hand, modern Christianity would not allow him to practice its religion without first renouncing his religion -- Judaism!

That should cause every thinking Christian to begin to ask serious questions about what is the truth and cause a truth seeking God fearer to begin some serious research and study.

This should present a very important challenge to every Christian:

If a Jewish Yeshua could not, and would not, practice a religion dedicated to destroying his religion, how can anyone who bases their salvation on Rabbi Yeshua participate in and perpetuate it?

Are you beginning to THINK

Would Rabbi Yeshua agree with the church's salvation message which is based on such a system? Are you getting the drift of this discussion?

How did the religion that Rabbi Yeshua and his followers practice evolve into what it is today?

To begin to unravel this problem lets ask how a religion whose foundational position focused on teaching its members "to keep the Law" became a religion whose main message was that "members are no longer under the Law."

Early Christian writers taught that the Law had been fulfilled with the coming of Yeshua. Fulfilled, as they defined it, meant that it had been cancelled and therefore was of no importance to Christians. However, to Rabbi Yeshua, "fulfilled" meant

(1) to keep the Law; and

(2) to correctly interpret the teachings of the Bible. There is absolutely nothing said by Rabbi Yeshua that would support modern Christianity's doctrine of grace.

Next, the Roman Christian leaders focused on the story of God's unconditional and unending support. However, they claimed that this was something new and was created when God made a new covenant of grace. Again, this was unknown to Rabbi Yeshua and his apostles. Early Gentile Christian leaders and theologians continued to develop their new doctrines from the mid-second century on through the seventh century. As they refined their arguments they became much more antagonistic toward Judaism.

This Gentile anti-Judaic movement spanned almost all of Christianity -- from the Roman African communities represented by Tertullian (160-220 C.E.), to the

Iranian monk Aphrahat (300-350 C.E.) of the eastern Syriac Christian tradition, and to Bishop John Chrysostom (349-400 C.E.) in Antioch.

Research and studies have clearly shown the extent to which leaders of the early church attacked Judaism for its position on the law, calling Jews "slavish adherents to the letter of the law." They claimed that Judaism was allowed to continue to exist primarily as an example of degradation. The Jew was seen as second class people and in some circles barely considered human.

Where do you think Hitler got his idea from?

What do you think that rabbi Yeshua would have thought about that position?

We really must learn church history not that told to us by the church but from historical writing and records. Libraries and encyclopaedias are a good resource to begin with.

Origin, the third-century leader of the Christian community in Caesarea, summed up the difference between Judaism's and Roman Christianity's approaches to Scripture:

"It seems necessary also to explain how certain people by failing to read or understand Scripture correctly have given themselves up to a great many errors, since the way one ought to approach the understanding of divine letters is unknown to a great many people. And so, the Jews, through the hardness of their heart and because they wish to seem wise in themselves, have not believed in our Lord and Saviour...."

Now the reason that those we have just mentioned [Jews and heretical Christians] have a false understanding of these matters is quite simply that they understand Scripture not according to the spiritual meaning but according to the sound of the letter...."

[But] a person ought to describe threefold in his soul the meaning of divine letters, that is, so that the simple may be edified by, so to speak, the body of the Scriptures; for that is what we call the ordinary and narrative meaning. But if any have begun to make some progress and can contemplate something more fully, they should be edified by the soul of Scripture. And those who are perfect... should be edified by that spiritual Law (Rom. 7:14) which has a shadow of the good things to come (Heb. 10:1), edified by the spirit of Scripture. Thus, just as a human being is said to be made up of body, soul, and spirit, so also is sacred Scripture, which has been granted by God's gracious dispensation for man's salvation."

This new scheme for reading Scripture, and the charge that Jews miss all but the literal meaning, made for powerful arguments. Origin's dichotomy between "letter" and "spirit," or in other words, between reading biblical materials either at their face value for norms of behaviour and as a more generalized stance toward the world, set the stage throughout history for Christians to increase the fervour of the charge of legalism. Legalism became synonymous with Jewish, and therefore was viewed in a negative light. However, the word "legalism" simply means someone that "lives in accordance with or adheres to a legal system."

What would you call someone who "did not adhere to or live in accordance with a legal system"-- a Christian? The products of this anti-Jewish tradition still shapes the thoughts of over 1.6 billion Christians regarding Judaic law.

Would you call children whose parent made rules and boundaries for them under the Law?

Hardly. We would consider them loving caring parent who want the best for their children.

That being the case would you not think that a loving caring creator of man kind would not give instructions and teachings for His created (human race) especially Him knowing all things and therefore desiring the very BEST for us His children?

Instead of looking at what is translated as LAW in the scriptures as legality we need to understand and recognise the instructions, teachings and yes commands given to us in the scriptures as educational.

The challenging is for every Christian, Messianic, Nazarene, i.e. every truth seeker to make a decision to return to the religion, teachings and life-style expounded by Rabbi Yeshua.

Don't misunderstand what is being said; it is NOT advocating adopting and accepting the current "theology or faith" about or in Jesus/Yeshua; rather, return to the real faith of Yeshua and the place within it for the Gentile Godfearer and "follow" of Yeshua. As stated above, according to the book of Acts, your you would do well to experience the faith of the Apostolic church of Yeshua as seen in Acts 21. You would become zealous for the Torah, the Prophets and writings (Tanakh) which would bring you back to an observant Biblical life-style as defined by the mitzvoth (a Hebrew word well worth learning the meaning of) of Yahweh.

Will you try it?..... Oh yes! How?

By beginning to study your scriptures especially the Torah (first five books of your old testament). Question the contradictions between the old and new testaments.

Becoming a member of Rabbi Yeshua's movement should caused you to become a serious student of the Torah. You should be encouraging and teaching the Torah to others, especially to the flood of Gentiles who are coming out of the church, they are not sure why and not sure of the next step. You could help.

Would You?

Is there any other way for you to be a "light to the Gentiles?"

If you are a Gentile, you will also need to take a very close look at Acts 15. Gentiles who were coming to the movement originated by Rabbi Yeshua were given very special instructions. First they were to place themselves under specific instructions. For all practical purposes those mitzvoth were the Ten Words (Ten Commandments). Of special importance was their keeping the Jewish Sabbath and studying the Torah at the synagogue with the Jews.

Keeping the Jewish Sabbath is something that you can do immediately, however; many of you may find it difficult to locate a synagogue where you will be allowed to study the Torah. For very good reasons, after thousands of years of persecutions, the Jewish community is very cautious. Here in New Zealand there are small groups who are zealous for the Torah seeking the truth who welcome those who are like minded. I believe that as Christian Jews return to the synagogue, because of the teachings of Rabbi Yeshua, the doors will be opened wider to Gentiles desiring to know the God of Rabbi Yeshua - Yahweh.

Two things must be kept in mind as both Jews and Gentile Christians choose to return to the teachings of rabbi Yeshua. First, almost two thousand years of conflict between Judaism and Christianity has left many scars. Both religions have developed reactionary doctrines and theologies. A reactionary doctrine created as a reaction to another religion's actions or doctrines.

An example would be the Jewish position concerning kneeling for prayer. Because Christians knelt for prayer, the Jews took the position that they should no longer kneel but stand for prayers. Judaism altered its form of worship because of this practice of Christianity. There have been many reactionary doctrines created both between and within both religions. This is an area of research that deserves much attention.

2000 years of doctrine taught from the pulpit in churches has in almost every case has been one of deception. That does not mean that those who taught we knowingly deceiving those who in the majority truly cared for those they were responsible for. Unfortunately it is bible colleges and seminaries who must carry the can for this deception. Many church leaders know the doctrine they teach and follow is contrary to the truth and still continue to do so for reasons best known to them. Many others have taught what has been handed down for generations as doctrine. Because of complacency serious diligent research and study into such areas as comparative religion, church history, the bibles history and it's translations, and then asking serious questions of the contradictions and what are obvious fabrications of scriptures have ignorantly taught error.

However when we begin to **think** there are many serious questions to be researched for the truth.

The earlier posed questions should cause one to begin looking seriously into much of what has in the passed been ignored, or completely overlooked and taken as the truth from the teachings and doctrine we have been exposed to for how many number of years?

It must be kept in mind that the Judaism of Yeshua is not exactly the same as the Judaism of today. Also, the movement attributed to Yeshua is not the same as modern Christianity. Obviously, many things have taken place since the time of Yeshua which resulted in the separation and numerous differences between the two religions.

It is of the utmost importance for both Christians and Jews to understand these changes. You must know when the changes were made, identify the people who were responsible for making the changes, and discover why they made them. You must come to an understanding which changes were motivated by inspiration, which were produced by the hunger for power and wealth and which were the results of human frailties such as anger, rejection, fear and hatred.

As you embark on this journey you will quickly come to realize that you have stumbled upon the greatest cover-ups in the history of mankind. Yes, and that is no exaggeration.

As you become more acquainted with the truth upon your study you will realize two very important things:

- **Leaders, especially scholars, have always been aware of this information and have deliberately chosen to ignore it or not divulge it.**
- **This information has been virtually within the grasp of every believer. In many cases it is as close as an encyclopaedia, attainable today through the Internet or in some case secular libraries.**

Today, there are over 2.5 billion Christians on the face of the earth – the vast majority who believe in their heart they are true followers of Yeshua, but as you have read we hope you will now understand, Christians are practicing a different religion from which Yeshua practiced. They are believers IN a Roman Jesus. If they all returned to the teachings and life-style taught in Acts, we would see a moral and ethical revolution that would literally rock the foundations of the world. No longer would countries touted to be Christian nation such as New Zealand, be recognized as the some of the world's most violent and law-breaking nations. That should make you wonder what it would be like if Christians really followed the faith **Of** Yeshua and if your church would really allow you to be **like** Yeshua.

There is much study for you to do before you can truly know in your heart that in all truth the Christian today is in idolatry. Saying that is a difficult thing. However we all have the wonderful knowledge that the truth will set us FREE.

Please don't be offended, get angry, and begin to study and research like you have never done before. It will take courage, determination and above all a love for Yahweh. You may also loose those you called a friend. Is the keeping of a friend more important to you than being freed from idolatry?

Remember those around you in your church will not be able to answer your questions with answers other than that which you already understand. Why ?

Because they have been taught the same as you, and, if they knew what you now know, it is they who would probably be asking you and what would you have told them if you had not read this article?

There are many researched studies and publications available. Encyclopaedias, Lexicons, Scriptures, scholarly books and papers, archaeological reports and studies through libraries and the internet. All it takes is an insatiable desire for the truth and a deep love of Yahweh.

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