

## What faith do you practice?

When the Apostle Paul was asked this question he said, “But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect [of ancient judaism], I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets<sup>1</sup>”.

Our ministry is founded on the teachings and practices of the Bible as demonstrated by Yeshua (Jesus) and modeled by His disciples and the early churches.

We believe in the unified message of the entire Bible<sup>2</sup>:

that we were created to be in relationship with our Creator but that, through sin, our relationship was broken, we became separated and damaged in our bodies and spirits<sup>3</sup>

that YHWH, because He did not want us to be utterly lost, gave us good instructions that would help us know how to live well in a fallen world and would help us recognize our Messiah<sup>4</sup>

that YHWH became manifest in the flesh in the form of the Son, Yeshua, to teach us what we lacked concerning YHWH and to restore our relationship through his life, death and resurrection<sup>5</sup>

that we may become right with the Creator through faith in Yeshua, believing in his death and resurrection as the only acceptable way to be saved<sup>6</sup>

that the evidence of our salvation is the filling of the Set Apart (Holy) Spirit and the works of obedience to the Creator’s commandments that give a testimony of His

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<sup>1</sup> Acts 24:14, see also Acts 9:2, 19:33, 22:4. Romans 7:22-25. We have no affiliation with The Way International

<sup>2</sup> Yah does not change - there is no confusion about what He says. Malachi 3:6, Ps. 33:11, Isaiah 46:10. Yeshua, being the physical manifestation of Yah, is the same, from creation, in meeting with Abraham, bringing judgement on Sodom and Gomorrah, wrestling with Jacob, visiting the Egyptians, giving the Torah on Mt. Sinai, etc. He NEVER contradicts the Father or the Torah because they are one. Hebrews 13:8, 2 Timothy 3:16

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 3:8, 1 Corinthians 1:9, Romans 5:12

<sup>4</sup> Genesis 7:2-3 and 26:5 (Yah’s instructions and commands predate Moses), Psalm 10:9-11, 111:7-8, Psalm 119 (all), Deuteronomy 11:26-28, Revelations 22:14, Luke 24:27, 44-48

<sup>5</sup> Genesis 3:15, 22:8, Psalm 2:12, 40:7-8, 110:1, Daniel 7:13, Revelation 1:13, Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-5, 14:5-11.

<sup>6</sup> John 14, Numbers 35:24-25, All verses related to sacrifices for sin, peace offerings, etc. Ezekiel 18:23, Psalm 2, Romans 10:13, Hebrews 7, Revelation 12:11

instructions being written on our hearts demonstrated also by our love for Yah and one another<sup>7</sup>

that the body of believers should be identified by their unity and love for one another, not given to divide over doctrinal beliefs and practices that are secondary to the gospel<sup>8</sup>

that the Kingdom of Yah is a literal realm with its own laws, economy, citizens, giftings, assignments, etc. and it is our duty to prepare the hearts of mankind for the physical coming of this kingdom at the return of Yeshua.<sup>9</sup>

We reject the traditions and doctrines of men as taught by rabbinical judaism that are contrary to Yah's Word as well as the traditions and doctrines of men as taught by modern Christianity as an off shoot of Roman Catholicism.<sup>10</sup> In doing so, we strive to worship in spirit and in truth by returning to the practices of the early church, careful to not include any of the pagan or non-biblical practices and teachings that have been mixed into the faith in our present day much like the mixed practices of ancient Israel<sup>11</sup>. This is why we don't celebrate Christmas and Easter, but instead celebrate Yah's Holy Days like Passover, Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles<sup>12</sup>. We only eat things that the Bible considers food, rest on His sabbath<sup>13</sup> and strive to allow mercy, righteousness,

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<sup>7</sup> Deuteronomy 30:11-12, Psalm 40:8, Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 8:10, 10:16, Ezekiel 36:27, John 14:15, 1 John 5:3, 2 John 1:6, James 2:17, John 15:10, Romans 2:12, 3:31, 7:25, James 1:22, Matthew 7:21-23, 21:28-32, Revelations 12:17

<sup>8</sup> 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

<sup>9</sup> Psalm 19:9, 103:19, 89:14, Isaiah 37:16, Deuteronomy 10:14, Psalm 50:10, Revelation 5:9, Mark 12:41-44, Ephesians 2:19, 1 Peter 2:11, John 17:16-26, 1 John 2:15-17, Luke 17:20-22, Ephesians 1, Matthew 6:9, 28:19-20, Acts 1:6-8, Phillipians 3:20, Revelation 21-22, All passages related to the Feast of Tabernacles

<sup>10</sup> Deuteronomy 12:29-32, 2 Kings 17:33-41, Isaiah 29:13, Matthew 15:8-9, Mark 7, Colossians 2, 2 Peter 3: 14-17, Ephesians 5:11, Revelation 2:14, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, 2 Kings 12:26-33,

<sup>11</sup> Acts 15:19-21 demonstrates, from the authority of the founding church, that there was an expectation of all new believers to be studying the commandments and the rest of the Bible on the sabbath to increase their understanding. 1 Corinthians 10

<sup>12</sup> Leviticus 23 - the Feasts of YHWH, Leviticus 11, Deuteronomy 14, Isaiah 66:17, Ephesians 5:3, Revelation 2:14, 18:2

<sup>13</sup> Isaiah 56: 6-7, 58:13, 66:22-24, Exodus 20:11, Hebrews 4:9, Colossians 2:16-17

love, joy and peace to guide us in all we do<sup>14</sup>. However, we do not sit in judgement of others who live according to their own convictions as each of us is accountable to God<sup>15</sup>

To put it simply, we agree with Yeshua when he taught us what the greatest commandment is:

Hear (and do), O Israel! YHWH our God is One. You shall love YHWH, your God, with all your heart, your soul and strength and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.<sup>16</sup>

It is not necessary to believe in or accept these positions to be a member of Health Restoration Ministries and our staff ministers and partners are given the freedom to search these matters out and come to their own understandings.

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<sup>14</sup> Micah 6:8, Matthew 23:23, Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>15</sup> Romans 14:4

<sup>16</sup> Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-31