

Myth #6  
Jesus Abolished Torah

# Jesus Kept Torah

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

“For truly I tell you, 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.

“Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly 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.** “

Matthew 5.17-19

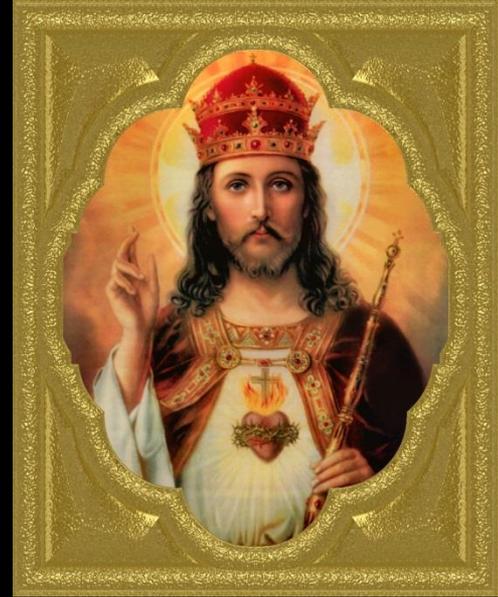
**Torah** is the first 5 books of the Bible, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

**Tanach** is Torah and the rest of what Christians call the Old Testament.



Hebrew Yeshua

vs. Greek Jesus



One of these can be found in the Bible.

(**Yeshua** is the Hebrew way to say Jesus. His name means **Salvation**.)

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Tenach, Jeremiah 31.31, 33

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***Without Torah, there is no New Covenant!***

You just learned the biblical definition of the New Covenant. Very few people in the modern church know it.

That's odd. You would think everyone who practices the New Covenant and believes the Bible would know the biblical definition of the New Covenant.

If Torah is written on the heart in the New Covenant, how can anyone say that Torah has been “done away with”?

You might want to reread the previous slide.

# Who Wrote Torah?

Moses says:

- And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone **written with the finger of God**; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. Deuteronomy 9.10

Yeshua says:

- But if I with the **finger of God** cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. Luke 11.20
- But if I cast out devils by the **Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Matthew 12.28

In the same parable told in two different places, **Yeshua equates the finger of God with the Spirit of God.**



**Torah was written by the Spirit of God.**

**What man can say it doesn't apply anymore?**

## What Does Yeshua Think of Those Who Ignore Torah?

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**” Matthew 7.13-23

The word for **iniquity** here is *ἀνομία* **anomia** defined by Strong's as “**the condition of without law**, because ignorant of it, because of violating it; **contempt and violation of law**, iniquity, wickedness.” To which law is Yeshua referring? Roman law? No. ***He's talking about people who ignore Torah.***

# Psalms Says of Torah:

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

but whose delight is in the Torah of the LORD, and who meditates on his Torah day and night.

Psalm 1.1-2

# Psalms Says of Torah:

The Torah of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

Psalm 19.7

# Psalms Says of Torah:

Indignation grips me because of the wicked,  
who have forsaken your **Torah**.

Psalm 119.53

# What about Paul?

Many people think Paul abolished Torah

- Paul says Torah still counts, 2 Timothy 3.16
- Paul follows Torah, Acts 21.17-26
- Paul believes everything in Torah, Acts 24.14

# What about Paul?

## Romans 6.14

“For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”

**Can we ignore Torah now since we’re no longer “under” it?**

We’re no longer under the punishment of death.

Next verse says that it’s still wrong to sin.



If I get a ticket for running a stop sign, I have put myself **under the law**. If I go to court, I can expect punishment. But what if the judge pays my ticket, gives me an expense account, reveals that he is my Dad, and explains his plan for me being a partner with him in His work? **I am no longer under the law**, but under grace! Now when I leave court, should I scoff at the law and run every stop sign, since I have an ace up the sleeve, my Dad is the Judge? **Or should I pay even more attention to the law, now that I know that I’m my Dad’s son, and set an example, be careful to keep His law, and go about His business?**

# What about Paul?

## Romans 10.4

“Christ is the **culmination** of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”

## Has Torah ended because of Jesus?

**τέλος *telos* end, the end to which all things relate, the aim, purpose**

There is a perfect chair, the *telos*, which all furniture makers strive to make. They all fall short.

Jesus is the end to which all Torah relates, its aim, purpose.

He did it perfectly; we fall short.

Should we give up or follow his example? Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11.1 that we should follow him as he follows Messiah.

***Is Jesus your example for how to follow Torah, or your excuse not to?***

# What about Paul?

## Romans 14.14

“I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is **unclean** in itself. But if anyone regards something as **unclean**, then for that person it is **unclean**.”

## 1 Corinthians 10.25-28

“Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience...”

## Is Paul saying in these passages that no food is unclean, contradicting Leviticus 11?

Romans 14.14 is a bad translation: **κοινός** *koinos* **common**, should not be translated unclean. ἀκάθαρτος *akathartos* unclean is the word that would be translated as unclean, but is not used in this verse.

Some worried their food had been made common by improper handling or offering it to an idol.

Paul doesn't say that certain foods aren't unclean anymore, he just advocates a “Don't ask, don't tell” policy toward food that may have been made common.

# What about Paul?

## Galatians 2.16

“Know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. “

## Is Paul saying that those who are saved and keep Torah lose their salvation?

“Don’t you know you can’t be justified by keeping the law?” –a common criticism of keeping Torah.

Doing good works won’t get you into God’s family.

There are only two ways into God’s family, birth or adoption.

But once in God’s family, there are rules and expectations, otherwise known as Torah.

**Justification is by faith. Sanctification is by Torah.**

Jesus showed how to live Torah perfectly.

He never said that we didn’t have to live by Torah, in fact in Matthew 5 he makes it harder!

# What about Paul?

## Galatians 3.23-25

“Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.”

## Is Paul saying that once we are saved we can toss Torah?

Story: A king employs a tutor to raise his sons to become kings. When the tutor has done his job, the king doesn't shoot the tutor! Torah is a tutor that brings us to salvation. After salvation, Torah keeps us from straying into error. Torah reminds us of God's divine appointments, Sabbath and the Feasts, and explains the instructions of God's kingdom. We need to be reminded because our hearts tend to stray.



# What about Paul?

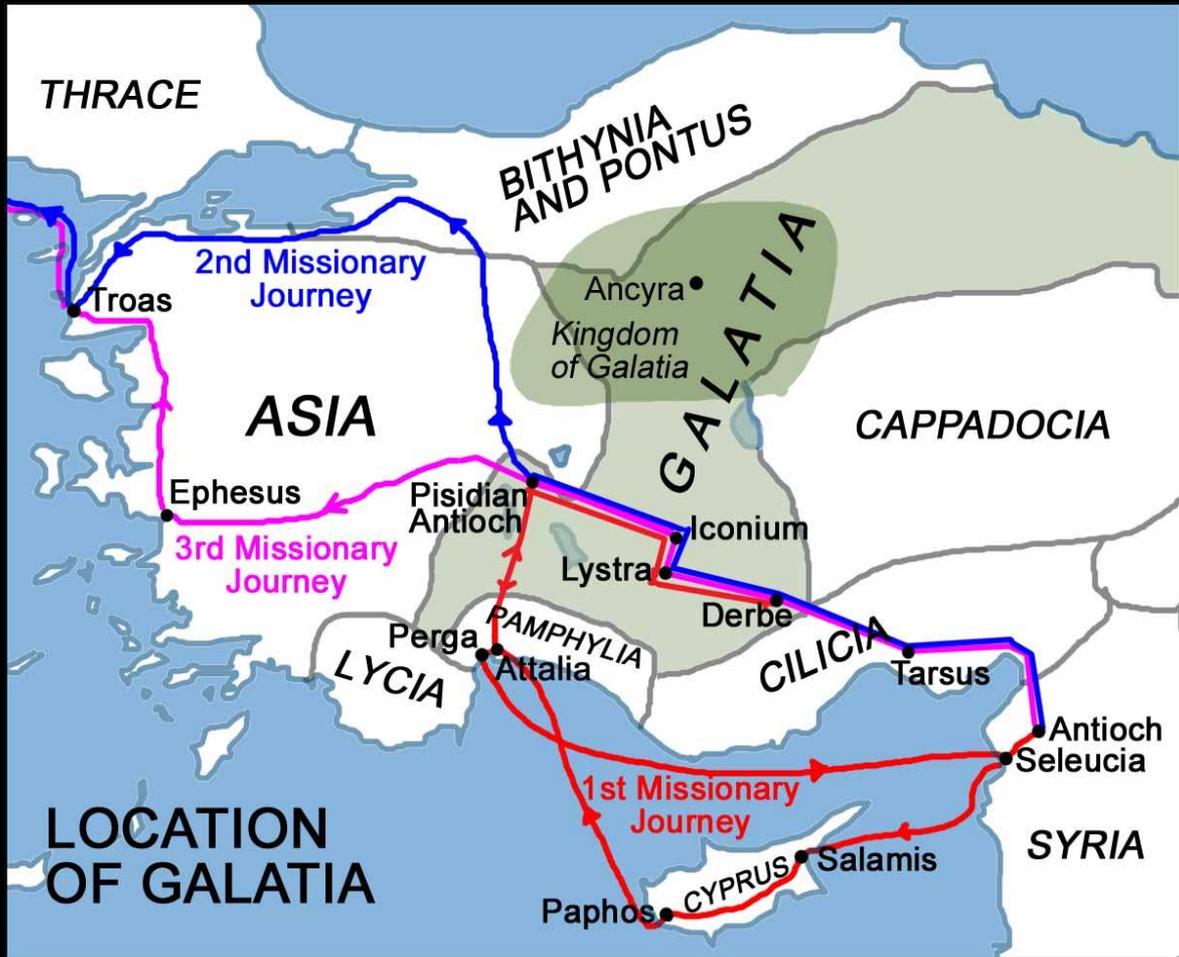
## **Galatians 4.9-11**

“But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.”

## **Is Paul telling the Galatians they’re screwing up because they’re returning to Sabbath and the Feasts?**

For the context of this passage, see Acts 13.51 to 14.22. Paul and Baranabas travel through Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. In Lystra, there was a man lame from birth. Paul prayed and the man was instantly healed. The people tried to offer sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas, calling them gods.

The Galatians were pagans before faith. They can’t “return” to Torah. They are returning to pagan practices.



# What about Paul?

## **Ephesians 2.14-16**

“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.”

## **Colossians 2.16-17**

“Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.”

**Is Paul telling these believers that the Torah has been nailed to the cross and don't be judged for not keeping Torah food laws, holy days, new moons, or Sabbaths?**

In 1871, a piece from the middle wall of separation was found in Jerusalem. It warns of death for any non-Jew who crosses the Temple court divider. When Gentiles are saved, they enter the family of Israel, Romans 11.

Colossians 1.20-22 says that Yeshua made peace through the blood of his cross, reconciling us in the body of his flesh by his death.

Do a word search on “death” in Tenach: “shall be put to death” is the most common usage.

Do a word search on “death” in New Covenant: “by his death” is the most common usage. We are saved by his death.

The entire context of Colossians 2 is human philosophy, not Torah.

The Colossians moved away from pagan practices to Torah, and now they're being criticized by friends. Just like those who try to keep Torah today. Paul is saying don't be judged by others because you're keeping Torah.

The feasts are a shadow; they point us to the reality. Keeping the Feasts is good, if we are reminded of the reality.



# What about Paul?

## **1 Timothy 4.3-5**

“They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.”

## **Is Paul saying that those who seek Torah are departing from the faith?**

Like Colossians 2, Paul distinguishes between Torah and the vain philosophies of men.

Torah is perfect and from God; deceitful traditions are from men.

Gnosticism, with its related asceticism and abstinence, was a dominant philosophy in Paul’s day.

## **Is Paul saying that the clean and unclean food laws of Leviticus 11 are invalid?**

God made marriage good and it has boundaries. God made animals good and we have boundaries about eating them.

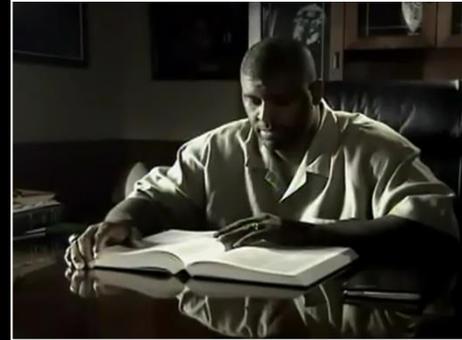
You can’t sanctify something with the Word of God when the Word of God has already said it’s an abomination!

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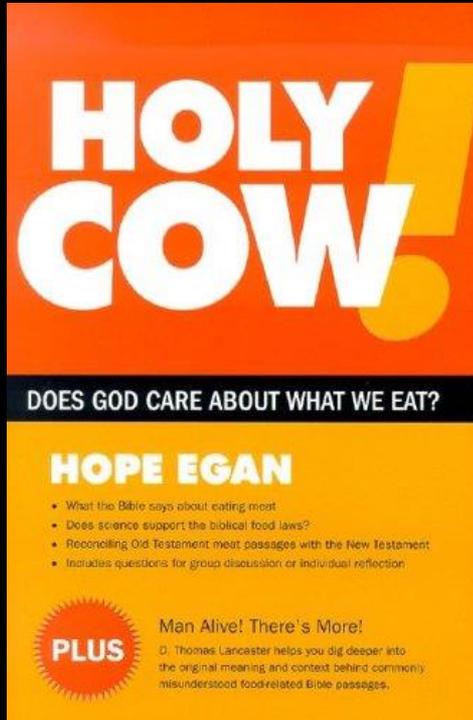
- The Bereans were called “more noble” because they searched the Scriptures daily to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17.11
- Which Scriptures? The New Covenant wasn’t written yet. They searched Torah and Tanach to see if what Paul said was true.
- Today, believers search Paul to see if Torah is true. What’s the opposite of noble?



Not a Berean: A common attitude toward Torah in the church.



Berean: NFL star Reggie White studying Torah: [video](#).

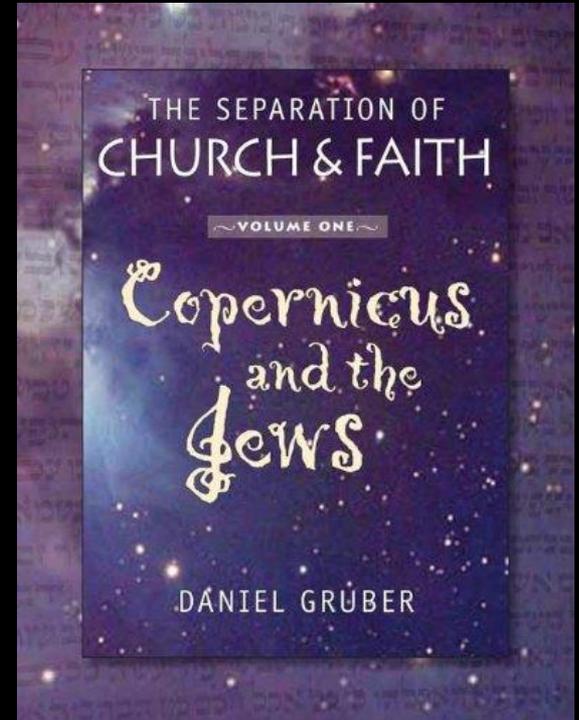


These two books are an invitation to a different perspective on Yeshua and Torah.

*Holy Cow!* by Hope Egan looks at the food laws of Leviticus 11 and whether they still apply today for the believer in Yeshua.

Daniel Gruber's book *Copernicus and the Jews* may turn your world upside down, as Copernicus turned his world upside down. I know a pastor who cried his whole way through reading this book. Most of what he had learned in the church about Yeshua and Torah was proven false.

And here's a [video](#) which does a great job of explaining what it means to be under the law and no longer under the law, but under grace.



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