## My Statement of Christian Faith:

I am a member of the true spiritual church of Yahweh God, purchased by the blood of Christ, and being built by Yahshua (Jesus) Christ, the anointed one, the chief cornerstone, (Ephesians 2: 19-22) having the testimony of Yahshua and the Commandments. (Rev. 12: 17 & 14: 12) I believe that Yahshua (Jesus) of Nazareth is the Son of God who laid down His life as the Passover Lamb to fulfill the prophecy contained in the Passover law of God. His sacrifice made it possible for all who believe in Him to be saved from the penalty of the second death (death of the spirit) for their sins through the belief that He is the Son of God and through true repentance (sincere remorse and turning away from sin). (John 3: 16) True believers can approach God personally without any priest because Yahshua Christ intercesses for us. (Hebrews 7: 25) Yahshua Christ's sacrifice also fulfilled God's sacrificial laws ending the need for them. Yahshua set up a new covenant between man and God and replaced the sacrificial laws when He told His disciples to remember Him in a ritual (now called communion) of consuming His flesh by eating bread which represents hearing, believing and accepting the Word of God, (Isaiah 55: 2) and drinking His blood by drinking some wine (not getting drunk) representing our accepting the free gift of His blood sacrifice to death by crucifixion for the forgiveness of our sins. (Matthew 26-28 & John 6: 54) He was crucified and died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the week (Passover) before sunset, followed by the 5<sup>th</sup> day, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a High Sabbath day, (Exodus 12: 16-17) and the 6th day, a work day, and arose from death after 3 full evenings and 3 full days (Matthew 12: 40) on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week before sunset, (Luke 24: 1-3). When the women came to the sepulcher very early in the morning Christ was already gone. Forty days later He ascended to heaven. (Acts 1: 1-3) believe in the basic truths of the Holy Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments although there have been errors in word translations that in more recent years have been discovered and corrected such as Acts 12: 4 KJV which mistranslated Passover as Easter. Also, there are some interpretations in dispute such as the last week of Daniel's seventy weeks prophecy. (Daniel 9: 24-27) I believe that the Bible in its entirety interprets itself and we should not try to interpret scriptures according to what we think or want to believe is true. I believe those who teach that Christians do not need to keep the Ten Commandments because we are not under the law are in error of interpretation. I believe that the fourth commandment to rest on the Seventh Day Sabbath and keep it holy (pure, morally blameless or set apart) was never changed by Yahshua (Jesus) or by His disciples. (Matthew 5: 17-20 & Acts 17: 2) Although, a true Christian may worship and/or rest on any or all seven days if able, the seventh day rest commandment, as well as the other nine commandments, is still commanded by God for resting from our daily labors, for fellowshipping and acknowledging Him as the Creator, and not working for gain while here in this world. The scriptures declare that Yahwah God sanctified the seventh day and set it as a sign for Israel that it is He that made them holy. (Genesis 2: 2-4 & Exodus 31: 14-18 & Ezekiel 20: 12) Since Israel failed in its mission to be a holy nation and convert the world, a remnant of believers through Christ was preserved and made holy to spread His gospel of peace and salvation to all the world. Now all true Christian believers are being grafted on to spiritual Israel, Yahshua's church. I believe the seventh day sabbath is a gift from God to man, that if honored by all would allow the whole earth to rest in peacefulness and joy at the same time every seven-day period. I believe that the reason a person who truly accepts the doctrine and way of Yahshua Christ and loves God is not under the law is because the Ten Commandment laws are written in their heart (Jeremiah 31: 33 & Hebrews 10: 16) meaning they love God's law and they have freely chosen to sacrifice their own way and become one with God's way of eternal life. Thus by being righteous according to God, a true Christian cannot be judged rightly by the unrighteous. (Colossians 2: 16-17) Yahshua summarized God's Ten Commandment law for us when he said "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". (Matthew 22:36-40)



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