

Dear so and so,

I'm writing to address your concerns that I place the Torah above faith or believe salvation comes from anything other than Yeshua's sacrifice. As a believer, I want to clarify my faith and practices, trusting that scripture and open dialogue can resolve these misunderstandings.

My faith rests solely in Yeshua as the Messiah, whose sacrificial death atoned for sin. John 1:29 declares Him "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" His blood removed sin's penalty—death—as Hebrews 9:26 affirms: "He has appeared once for all... to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." During the Last Supper, Yeshua took the cup, saying, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves... This cup ... is the new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22:17, 20), partially fulfilling the Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7) and establishing the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:33). Salvation is through faith in Him alone, as He proclaimed: "No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Acts 4:12 reinforces, "There is salvation in no one else." I trust Yeshua's sacrifice, not any works, for my salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Your concern about my Torah observance—keeping the Sabbath, biblical festivals like Pentecost, or moral commandments—may stem from a misunderstanding. I don't follow the Torah to earn salvation but to express my love and obedience to God. Yeshua taught, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). His commandments align with the Torah, which He fulfilled by embodying its purpose, not abolishing it (Matthew 5:17, *mālē'*, Strong's H4390). He kept the Sabbath (Luke 4:16) and festivals (John 7:10), modeling obedience. Paul, a devoted follower of Yeshua, affirmed the Torah's validity: "Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law" (Romans 3:31). He observed the Sabbath (Acts 18:4), festivals (Acts 20:6), and praised the Law as "holy and righteous and good" (Romans 7:12). His life proves faith and Torah obedience are harmonious.

The disciples, "zealous for the law" (Acts 21:20), kept the Sabbath (Acts 16:13) and festivals (Acts 2:1), showing obedience as love (1 John 2:3-4). Revelation 14:12 praises "the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Yeshua," affirming this balance for end-time believers resisting deception (Revelation 13:12). The Torah, including the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8), remains a covenant guide (Exodus 31:13), lived out in gratitude for Yeshua's sacrifice.

I believe God will judge based on faith and works, as Revelation 20:12 states: "The dead were judged... according to what they had done." Faith in Yeshua saves, but Torah obedience proves genuine faith (James 2:17), as Paul modeled (1 Corinthians 7:19). My observance is a response to Yeshua's love, not legalism. I value our relationship and hope this clarifies my faith.

In Yeshua's love,