

What do you mean by "believer in the Torah"?

During nearly 2000 years, mainstream Christianity has wrongly decreed "the Law" abolished by Yeshua (Jesus). This is absolutely not true. Part of the problem with the popular mistake over the Torah, is that **Torah does not mean law**. The real meaning of the Hebrew word *TORAH* is "the instructions." Instructions for what? Instructions for how to live a holy life. Torah is the instructions of God to His people.

Throughout the ages, the silly theology that Yeshua finished with the Torah has brought a barrage of institutionalized hatred against Jews, including terrible persecution against us, ironically, **on account of our fidelity to the statutes and commandments of God!**

In the Book of Acts 21:20, there were thousands of Jews who were believers in Yeshua and all of them were "jealous for the Torah." After that, when the Church arose in the former Roman Empire, the Torah was rejected, Jews faithful to the Torah who were also believers in Yeshua were called "Judaizers" and therefore enemies of the Church.

Holy days and festivals such as Pesach and Hanukkah were then prohibited and replaced by pagan festivals such as Easter and Christmas. A Jewish believer in "Jesus" was the same as a gentile as far as the Church was concerned. A Jew faithful to the Torah was forced into conversion to gentile Christianity or, if necessary, put to death.

As the gentile Church grew, Jewish believers in Yeshua were forced to hide their identities as Jews, therefore making it difficult to remain organized in their culture and traditions. Due to Church politics against the Torah, many Jews were forced into the Church and the gentile Christian lifestyle. Things would remain this way for many hundreds of years.

Suddenly in 1967, as if an atomic explosion took place, Messianic Judaism dramatically resurfaced with the recapture of Jerusalem. Now thirty years after, with the help of the IFMJ, Messianic Judaism is growing more and more and the followers of the Torah and we are witnessing the revival of "The Path" which was **originally the Jewish belief in Yeshua**. As it was in the beginning, we believe, so it must be the end.

The purpose of the IFMJ is to encourage our Messianic Jewish believers and friends to come back to the Holy Scriptures of God, where we find that true holiness and justice is our walk with HaShem and His Messiah Yeshua. Through the Torah, we find growth in the knowledge of the Lord, a clearer understanding of Who really is Yeshua, and also how to give testimony to the world about the way of salvation through Yeshua HaMashiach.