

The Biblical Foundation of our Faith  
The Essence of Who We Are  
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The Christian Bible consists of The Law, The Prophets and The writings, The Later writings and The Revelation. The terms old and new testaments are very misleading and should not be used. The Christian Bible is a history of the creation of the world and human society, the nation of Israel and the formation of the Christian Church.

1) The Christian Bible records seven different covenants, three of which, the Abrahamic, Palestinian and Davidic covenants, God made with the nation of Israel and are unconditional in nature. That is, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will fulfill these covenants with the nation of Israel regardless of Israel's obedience or disobedience.

A fourth, the Mosaic Covenant is conditional in nature. That is, this covenant will bring either blessing or cursing depending on the nation of Israel's obedience or disobedience.

Two covenants, the Adamic and Noahic are made between God and mankind in general.

What is known as the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34) is a covenant the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will make with the nation of Israel and ultimately with all who have ever lived.

2) Fulfilled prophecy is a proof that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and future events will occur exactly as foretold in the Christian Bible.

3) The laws of the GOD of Moses are very much to be obeyed and are the essence the Government of GOD of Israel!

4) The God of creation has given us free moral agency or the right to choose how we will live and what we will do but he did not give us the ability to be able to obey him and live by His laws as stated in Romans 8:7-8: (NIV) The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. By doing this the God of Abraham that our civilization would live in a manner that is completely opposite to His way of life experience living in a world that is hostile to Our Creator and His way of living. When our time is right and He has made His way known to us we can make an informed choice in how we want to live!

5) Everyone who sins breaks the law of the God of Israel in fact, sin is lawlessness!

- 6) A person can only become a Christian through truly coming to regret having disobeyed the laws of the God of Isaac and Jacob and determining to walk in obedience to Him, be baptized and receiving the spirit of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in accordance with the scriptures.
- 7) Baptism must be total submersion, symbolic of the death of our old self.
- 8) The Sabbath or seventh day of the week was made Holy time by the Creator GOD at creation and this has never been changed nor can be changed other than by the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob personally!
- 9) The weekly Sabbath and the seven annual Holy days listed in Leviticus 23 are the only Days made Holy by our Creator God and no other!
- 10) The importance of observing the annual Passover Service including the Foot Washing on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month of the Jewish Calendar as a time to re-dedicate ourselves to GOD'S way, to re-confirm our acceptance of CHRIST'S sacrifice and to start a new year in a humble and meek attitude.
- 11) The God of Creation created the night as the start of each day and a day begins and ends with the setting of the sun as stated in genesis 1 and not the artificial 12 midnight as is the practice of our society.
- 12) Regular Prayer, Fasting, Bible Study and Meditation on the statements of the Christian Bible are practices necessary to provide a Christian with spiritual help and the ability to maintain a close relationship with our Creator GOD.
- 13) True Healing comes through anointing by an Elder of the Church of God.
- 14) Spiritual Grace is the expression of Our Creator's personality and character and is demonstrated in how we as Christians think, how we live, and everything we do!
- 15) Spiritual Grace is made available through the sacrifice of Jesus the Messiah or anointed on of God which remove the penalty of death that we were all facing for our breaking of God's laws
- 16) Those Whom Jesus the Messiah has called to be His servants at this time were pre-destined to be called before the worlds were created. Those who are called now are called because they are the weak and the foolish of this world and not the rich, noble or the wise of the world. The rest of the people will be called when the time is right for them!
- 17) All that we are, all that we have, all that we know, all of our talents, even our very existence came from the GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!
- 18) Salvation does not come through our works, but is a gift from our Creator GOD. However, we must **devote** ourselves to serving our Creator GOD by not only providing for our daily necessities but doing the work He has given us to do and in helping others in any way that we can.

19) **THE GOD OF CREATION HAS A PLAN FOR ALL OF MANKIND.** This physical life does not end at our death as the majority now suppose, but is likened in the Bible as a form of sleep until each individual is resurrected to life and not to a heaven or an ever burning hell as is commonly taught. Our Creator God will restore all who have ever lived to life in 3 separate resurrections from the dead.

20) The GOD of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob created all things through Jesus the Christ or Messiah; who became the "SON of GOD".

21) **GOD IS NEITHER A SINGLE BEING NOR A TRINITY** BUT THE WORD GOD IS A FAMILY NAME AND THE FAMILY IS CURRENTLY COMPOSED OF THE MEMBER OF THE GOD FAMILY WHO BECAME GOD THE FATHER WHEN MARY WAS IMPREGNATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE MEMBER OF THE GOD FAMILY WHO BECAME THE SON, JESUS THE CHRIST OR MESSIAH, WHO BECAME THE SON WHEN HE WAS BORN OF A WOMAN.

22) It is of paramount importance for all people to know and understand the knowledge of the History of the Nation of Israel as this history reveals the knowledge of the CREATOR GOD and the knowledge of the GOD OF ISRAEL'S PLAN FOR ALL MANKIND.

23) That Satan is the God or object of worship by the society around us who has convinced the peoples of the world that he is the god who is in charge of this world as recorded in Luke 4:5-7. Consequently, the teachings and religious holidays of the world around us are not based on truth and are to be avoided.

24) Human Nature, the HUMAN Mind cannot obey the laws of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and, consequently, is always naturally drawn to things that are contrary to the things of our Creator God and His laws.

25) That we are to be subject to the governing authorities of our country as long as there is no conflict with the laws of the Christian Bible.

26) The Instructions for Public Worship as outlined in the scriptures.

27) Free will offerings for the work of the ministry and support for the poor and widows is a sign of our commitment to our God and of our Love towards all.

28) It was clearly stated by Jesus the Messiah or Christ, Who is the Creator of all things that marriage is the union of one man and one woman, and that this is the meaning of Genesis 2:24; "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh". Matthew 19:4-6 (NIV) also tells us "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'! So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

29) It is not advisable that a Christian marry an unconverted person to avoid conflict as stated in 2 Corinthians 6:14, “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness.

30) If an unbelieving mate wants out of the marriage, a Christian is not bound in the marriage as stated I 1 Corinthians 7:15 (NIV) But if the unbeliever leaves, let it be so. The brother or the sister is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace”.

31) The Christian Bible clearly teaches that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob established sexual relations to be between a man and a woman only as stated in Romans 1:26-32 (NIV) “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

32) The Christian Bible tells us that the length of hair is a Judgment from GOD to men and to women.

33) The food laws.

34) How Christians are to live in this world's societies.

35) Christians will have trials, tribulations and persecutions in this world.

36) Church Government, all things done in Love, in order without confusion.

37) As a congregation we have a responsibility to preach, convince, rebuke and exhort to all that will receive it.