



## MY FRIEND JESUS (YESHUAH)

The Bible was written so that we would know what the truth is. The truth is an absolute and does not change. If the Bible did not exist we would not know what the truth is and we would fall prey to any opinion that sounded like the right one. That is how religion happens. Somebody proclaims what they say is truth but if it does not match the Bible, it is religion. Jesus was killed by religious people (Luke 22:52, Matthew 26:59, John 19:6). They were the ones who handed Him over to the government to be crucified, even though the government spokesman said "I find no fault in him" (John 19:4). That is why a lot of people don't want to go to church because it is oftentimes full of religion and not full of the unconditional love of Jesus. However, there are some churches out there that are walking the walk and there is abundant life in those churches.

Jesus is about relationship and not about law. You cannot have a relationship with a set of laws. The usefulness of the law is to help us to understand that we need Jesus. The law says that if we have ever sinned, even one time, then we are subject to the penalty of eternal death because of our sin and the devil has legal right to our soul (Romans 3:23, 6:23). Thus, Jesus was sacrificed on the cross for our sins in order for us to have a way of escape (John 3:16). The way to get Jesus to be our escape is to confess Him as our Lord and follow Him (Romans 10:9-10). We then pass from death (the devil's property) unto life (God's property). There is literally a transfer of ownership in the spirit world. The Holy Spirit comes into our heart and becomes our guide to right and wrong. Because of His love in us and our love for Him, we will have the power to not commit sin nor have the desire to. There is great liberty in this kind of lifestyle! No more carrying around laws in our head nor carrying the weight of sin. We can listen to the Lord speaking to our heart as our best friend about what is wrong and right. If we slip up and make a mistake (sin), we immediately confess it to the Lord and ask for forgiveness and for help not to sin anymore. The key point is that we have more of a desire to please Jesus than the desire to sin. We have a desire to walk the walk and be free of bondage.

It's kind of like this: if I have a baby learning to walk, I am his parent and will try to help him walk the walk. Babies typically want to walk. Immobility is a type of bondage. If they fall down, I pick him up and encourage him to keep going and he does better and better. Pretty soon, he's walking fine, then matures into adulthood, and eventually teaches his own baby to walk. This is known as discipleship. That is the reason that it is important to fellowship with other believers, in order to grow in the Lord, and to get physical and spiritual help. With increasing maturity comes increasing freedom in the Lord.

It is important to know that Jesus speaks to us through His Word, the Bible. It is the only book in the world that is ALIVE. The Spirit of God dwells in it and gives us understanding. The Word of God literally feeds our spirit body and makes us stronger. It ministers to us when we have problems. It gives us great hope and joy with its many promises. It is the instruction book for life.

The Bible was written by men; however, they were holy men who wrote down what the Lord put in their heart to write down. Essentially, they took dictation from the Holy Spirit. So, God is the author of the Bible. Don't fall for the lie that it is opinion. This kind of lie comes from men who are passing judgment on God's Word. I would not want to be in their shoes. (Shudder!) These men have not taken the time to study the Bible. The structure of it is incredibly complex. It is full of Bible codes and layers of mathematical patterns and historical patterns of such complexity, that it is statistically impossible for the Bible to exist in the physical dimension of time and space. The only explanation is that there is a God, the Bible is His book, and His Son's name is Jesus Christ.

To be saved (born again) say this prayer to God and mean it with all of your heart: "Dear Lord, I confess that I am a sinner and I ask for your forgiveness and for the blood of Jesus to cleanse me from all sin and I forgive all others. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father and that He loves me because He died for me to save me from my sin and have eternal life. I seek to follow Jesus now and ask for your daily help and guidance in my walk. In Jesus name, amen."