

# Calgary L'chaim Bible Fellowship

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A study series with Saskatchewan & Bontoc Ekklesia group

Text: Ephesians 2:10

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## Divine Expectation

Introduction:

Our lesson today is entitled divine expectation or we can use the term biblically expected and allowed. In our past lessons we learned about and believe that the Torah (from Genesis to Revelation, the whole of Scriptures and the teachings thereon) is for all human kind (both Jews and non-Jews). It is permitted biblically and taught that non-Jewish believers in Yeshua is to live according to the Torah and should take hold of this divine inheritance with the believing remnant of Israel.

Living a Torah lifestyle is NOT optional for the non-Jewish believer all the more the same to the Jewish individual as well. We can be faithful to Torah, because the Bible is our guide to our everyday living. We don't see Torah living as a "must, should, or have to" (that is legalism). Legalism is religiously doing something in order to gain salvation or favor. We do keep and follow the Torah because we are already saved when we trusted in Yeshua, keeping the Torah is a by-product of our faith, of our love for God! Doing what the Bible says is our Joy and our delight (Psalm 1) it is not optional. Following the Torah (the Bible) does not make us Jews, not even "spiritual Jews" instead we are fellow citizens! (Eph 2:19)

### Deuteronomy 4

Deuteronomy 4:5-9 shows us that God called Israel to display wisdom and righteousness by keeping the Torah so that the nations (the people) would be attracted to the God of Israel (Isaiah 42:6) – a light unto the nations, so when this nations (people – human kind- gentiles- non believers) believe in God, it would be natural for them to learn the teachings of the God of Israel and follow them. There is no secret wisdom in the Torah, the Bible then becomes an open book both for Jews and non-Jews freely to practice and live out by the power of God and His grace.

### Isaiah 56

From Isaiah 42:6-7 we understood that the responsibility of the Jewish people is to be a light unto the nations as a result Isaiah 56: 3,6 and the ff verses expects those from the nations who have joined themselves (trusted, believed, put their faith ) in the God of Israel to become equal participants with Israel's covenant promises, Sabbaths and Festivals (since time immemorial from the calling of Abraham : Gen 12:5, 14:14, 17:23-27). Torah living is an expression of faith in the God of the Bible and His Messiah.

### Acts 15

In Acts 15 we read and see that the attitude of the early first century messianic leaders of The Way ( Acts 9:2, 19:19,23, 22:4, 24:14,22) towards those non-Jewish individuals who were coming to believe in Yeshua were encouraged to learn and follow the Torah (contrary to what so called fundamental and evangelical bible teachers is teaching now!)

The leaders taught the early believers that they were to begin slowly in the Torah, practicing those things which would first establish fellowship between their Jewish counterparts, then they were reminded as new believers that Moses (the teachings) was being taught in every city...and if so desired (1 Peter 2:2-3) further instruction from the Torah, they would know where to find good teaching (at that time it was in the Synagogues)!