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# Who Are the Calvarians?

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# Calvarian History

The Templars referred to their Faith as Calvaria, so named for the pivotal point and place when and where the all-important event of the ages occurred, the Crucifixion of the Messiah upon that holy hill, in the Place of the Skull. But considering most of Christendom claims this moment as it's basis, what makes their particular religion so different from the traditional Christianity of their day or the present?

On the surface and in front of all peoples, the *Order of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon* more commonly known as *Templars*, were entirely good Catholic and Orthodox men. And indeed most members truly were genuinely so, as the vast majority were more ordinary folk. But behind the scenes and under the surface, the Templar Knights and Sergeants adhered to the Old Ways. Forsaking the foreign elements added into the religion over the centuries and restoring again the righteous ordinances outlined in the Scriptures, the Templars, in the 12th century invented (or rather reinvented) the sect of the 1st century then called *The Way*.

According to Scripture and history, the initial incarnation of the so-called "Christian" religion was actually a sect of Judaism called *HaDereck*, meaning *The Way*. Also known as *Natzorim* or *Followers of the Nazarene*, this Way was established by the Jewish Rabbi named Yahshua BenYoseph, (Yahshua Son of Joseph) called *HaMashiach* by His followers, He Who, through the deceits of time and devolution of language has come to be known in the modern age as "Jesus Christ". For a generation after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Yahshua, His students continued to teach His form of the Jewish faith. For the first few decades, the Disciples of Yahshua directed their message exclusively to Jews (the people of the three remaining tribes of Israel - Levi, Benjamin, and Judah.) However, in time, it was revealed that *The Way* was in fact open to peoples of all places and races. Though a necessary action, this opened up *The Way* to ultimate destruction.

Yahshua being King of the Jews, like His earthly ancestor, David, is also thereby King of all Israel, And it was and is His wish and intention to restore all Israel into one people once again, as in the days of David...only greater. Therefore, it was imperative to open *The Way* to outsiders (non-jews and descendants of former Israelites returning again) even if it was extremely dangerous if done incorrectly. And as the results speak for themselves, mistakes were made, it was done incorrectly, and *The Way* was lost.. Within 40 years of the

resurrection, a rift formed between the Natzorim and the rest of Judaism so that the majority of followers came not from the Jews but from the Greeks, and being counted among the assembly, though the Greeks became believers...they did not become disciples, retaining instead many of their heathen behaviors and beliefs but worst of all, fostering contrarian views of the Torah (teachings, principles, and instructions), commonly called Law.

With the death of the first generation of Disciples, the destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem, enmity institutionalized between the Natzorim and the rest of Judaism, and the ire of Rome rising up against Jews and all who could be mistaken for Jews, the majority Greek believers began to distance themselves from the Instructions of Yahshua, adopting instead, a more acceptable Greco-Roman religious practice and embracing the formerly pejorative title *Christianos*.

Within another generation Natzorim was not only mockingly called *Christianos* by contemptuous gentiles, but in truth devolved into actually being *Christianos* and though elements of *The Way* were retained for the better part of three more centuries, eventually heresy was deemed orthodoxy and orthodoxy branded heresy. In place of a restored Israel with all the lost tribes returning to the fold through Yahshua, their long-awaited Messiah, and many gentiles forsaking their evil beliefs and joining Israel through her Messiah, what arose instead in the world were unrepentant gentiles hating the Jews, scorning the Torah, deeming themselves the *New Israel*, and sanctifying all their sinful habits as saintly.

Unbeknownst to most historians, a third group emerged in these early years. Though they called themselves *Calvarianus* (Calvarians), sadly most scholars overlook their distinctiveness (if they ever even notice it at all) and lump the whole people in with the *Christianus*, or just label them Jews, Ebionites, Essenes, or Nazarenes (Natzorim). But the Calvarians were none of these. They were not Jews, nor trying to be. They were proud of their heritage, but unlike the Christians, were unwilling to retain any of their heathen ways. While the Christians perceived themselves as the heirs of the promises made to the “Jews who forsook the truth”, Calvarians, contrariwise saw themselves in two different ways (neither of which was compatible with Christianity) - as either descendants of the *Lost Tribes* leaving their long exile among the Nations and returning to their ancient place as part of Israel or else turning for the first time from evil and in *The Way* of Abraham leaving all the lies they had learned and crossing over to the worship of YHWH, the One True Elohim of Israel. Unfortunately, along with the Nazarenes, the Calvarians were hunted down by both the Romans and the emerging Christian religion and either killed off, forced to feign conversion to hide, either within Judaism or within Christianity, or otherwise driven into exile.

For many centuries *The Way* was thought lost, outlawed and run underground, but always a remnant retained the Faith, and every once in a great while a form of it would emerge in the world again or attempt to do so, only to be snuffed out or driven back into hiding by nominal Christianity, killing the followers and crushing the movement. The Arians, Paulicians, Hussites, Waldensians, various Subbutniks, as well as some sects of Coptic and Ethiopic Christians, and the majority of the Irish church (until its absorption into Catholicism) are all excellent examples of efforts to retain Biblical beliefs and practices or elsewise to return to them. Not always accurate but each with a noble intention to reinstitute obedience, these organizations collectively faced oppression at the hands of the prevailing version of the Christian religion dominating their given region.

Yet not until the rise of the Templars in the world, did any seriously organized effort develop at true opposition, daring to dismantle the dominant religion and rebuild it in the image and vision of the Savior Himself. Understanding the flaw in all other attempts at obedience, the Templars disregarded the decades of devolution instead of trying to adjust the existing incarnation. And knowing with dread certainty the persecution every people faced when publicly revealing their faith to be other than that deemed to be the orthodoxy of the day, the Order instead hid their religion, disguised themselves as not only loyal servants of the Roman church but her champions and chiefest defenders...all the while feeding disagreement, sowing division, and doing their level best to undermine the might of empire and teaching disciples in secret of their nature as Israelites and the faith of the ages.

Knowing the faith was broken over centuries, the Templars planned to repair it over centuries as well, working with what existed in their day but not basing their faith in it.

Therefore the Templars developed for themselves the Calvarian faith, the religion as it should have been and would have been sans the centuries of church meddling. Ignoring every doctrine, creed or council of history, discounting them altogether as unauthorized, they dismantled the Faith piece by piece all the way back to Calvaria, the place and time where everything changed. And from there they began to rebuild the religion privily.

Finding things added in in after years that had no place in pure faith, and therefore discarding them. And finding other things removed arbitrarily, and adding them back in. Realizing, we sad souls born to the nations of this world have no place in the prophecies and promises of old, no right to the covenant unless we choose to leave our status among the nations and crossover as Abraham did from heathen idolatry to become Hebrew, the Knights and Sergeants of the Templars embraced their place in Israel and did their level best to live as such without being discovered and destroyed.

Unfortunately, though the truth of their secrets was never made known, the Templars as an organization were eventually undone by betrayal. Following the Fall however, surviving Knights and Sergeants and all whom they had taught to hold the Calvarian faith fled in all directions. Some journeyed to the far corners of the world. Others took on alternative habits and hid in plain sight. And still others were nominally dismissed only to be reconstituted in new Orders, yet remaining in reality unaltered.

Yet everywhere, where Templars and their disciples went, the Calvarian faith took hold, always underground and ever unassuming. Until modern times that is. Since the rise of the age of reason, and the fall of church authority, various Calvarian peoples have begun to emerge around the world, some claiming certain elements of Calvaria while ignoring or being ignorant of others and other sects, rites, and denominations embracing different Calvarian aspects denied by others. And many if not most of these individuals and organizations are entirely unaware that the Templars paved *The Way* for their faith, nor are the average persons privy to the notion that their religion is in fact connected in any way to that practice called *Calvaria*.

The Hebrew Roots Movement or Messianic Movement is in fact the most notable Calvarian emanation to date. Though Messianic Judaism is too heavily influenced by rabbinic Judaism and non-Jewish Messianics in general are too overly inspired by church tradition, theology and practice, nevertheless, both together in their infancy as religious revivals share a number of Calvarian traits though not belonging nominally to Calvarianism. But whatever they may be called, for the first time in history forms of Hebraic faith are emerging in the world free of threat from traditional religion.

## **Calvarian Dimensions**

Calvaria, as mentioned, is the religion as it would have been and should have been if it hadn't been handed over to the dominion of the world. And it is so named for the hill on which the Saviour was slain for our Salvation. But in the Hebraic understanding of remembrance, it was the Templar practice to regard all time and space as Calvaria not just that spot in the far East. Or more specifically, as was taught by the Templars, the proper way to view life wherever we are, is not so much that Calvaria is everywhere, but that everywhere and indeed everywhen we who serve Yahshua and count ourselves His students, stand at all times and in all locations in what is known as the Everlast Moment, the place and time of the Messiah's dying and rising for our sins and our salvation. Whether

we are working righteousness or wickedness, all our actions are done in the face of the Father's Son as He gave His life to pay for our perversions and to pave *The Way* for our proper walking on the Path of peace.

## Calvarian Denominations

Though not all Calvarian peoples and groups identify as Calvarian (or even know the name) and most do not adhere to the full range of beliefs and practices of Calvaria, nevertheless to one degree or another they display aspects and elements thereof and are therefore recognized by full fledged Calvarians as members of the same faith family, however distantly related, if not as brothers and sisters, perhaps as half siblings or at least as spiritual cousins, kin of some kind however many times removed.

[\\*Messianic Judaism](#)

[\\*Messianic/Sabbatarian](#)

[Hebrews/Israelites \(Hebrew-Israelite\)](#)

[\\*Seventh-day Adventists](#)

[\\*Seventh-day Baptists](#)

[\\*Sacred Name](#)

[\\*Yahwists](#)

[\\*Elohists](#)

Etc.

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# Calvarian Theology

\* All Scripture is DIVINELY-inspired and is therefore the highest and final authority that governs all matters of faith, worship, and morality. (The 66 books held in common by all Christian sects are Calvarian Scripture. Calvarians also acknowledge the Apocryphal literature as Deuterocanonical and held in respect though to a somewhat lesser degree of reverence. [These include but are not limited to The 3 Books of Enoch, the Book of Jubilees, the Epistles of Clement & Polycarp, the Shepherd of Hermas, and the Didache.]) (2 Tim. 3:16) And Scripture must be read according to its grammar, history and context without bias of custom, culture, or conditioning, (Isaiah 28:10) as we seek the Word of the Most High apart from "the doctrines of men."

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"Why do you also transgress the  
commandment of Elohim because of  
your tradition?" (Matthew 15:3)

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\* In keeping with Scripture, we worship the Elohim (Mighty One) of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Who is the Creator of all things. - Contrary to established English tradition, this Elohim is never referred to by the Bible as "God" and is therefore never addressed as such by our kind. ("God" being an Anglo-Saxon replacement for Elohim rather than a translation thereof).

The Elohim of the Bible has only one sacred NAME which HE has commanded His people to remember forever. (Ex. 3:15) That NAME is YHWH, pronounced as YAHWEH (Yah-Way) - (Though due to dialectic differences several variant-pronunciations are acceptable and possible, including Yahuah and Yehowah / Yehoveh.)

YAHWEH sent His Word in His NAME. (John 5:43) Wrongly but Commonly called "Jesus", Yahshua is the Name of the Word of YHWH, (pronounced Yah-shoo-ah), meaning "The Deliverance of YAHWEH". (Though numerous variant pronunciations are acceptable and possible aswell, including Yahoshua, Yehoshua, Yeshua, and Y'shua.)

\*Authority, attributes, majesty, and reputation are revealed by using names but cannot be recognized in titles alone. (Str. #8034, 3686) - Therefore we call upon the NAME of YAHWEH, declare It for all the world to hear, (Ps. 96:10) and ask for blessings in the Name of Yahshua. (John 16:23, 24)

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"And I have declared to them  
Your NAME, and will declare it,  
that the love with which YOU  
loved Me may be in them, and I  
in them. " (John 17:26)

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## SABBATARIAN

Those who remember the Seventh Day as the day of rest and keep it holy according to the commandment. The Sabbath was sanctified (set apart) and made holy by YAHWEH as a part of Creation. It is a gift for all mankind to honor Him in rest. (Gen. 2:1-3) YAHWEH gave His people the Sabbath as a sign between us and Him that for all time HE alone makes us holy. (Ez. 20:12) Sabbath, the first of the Biblical Appointed Times, belongs to YAHWEH, Who desires us to honor it as first of HIS Appointed Times, forgoing labor, buying and selling, kindling fire, traveling afar, or treating the day as common.

(Lev. 23:2)

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“YAHWEH will establish you as a  
holy people to Himself . . .if you  
keep the commandments of YAHWEH  
and walk in His ways.” (Dt. 28:9)

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## TORAH

The teachings, principles, and instructions whereby one can reach the goals and ideals of YAHWEH; Colloquially called "the Law". (Strongs #8451 ; #3551)

\* The purpose of Torah is to show us the way of righteousness, reveal our sinful nature, and prove our need for the Messiah. (Rom. 3: 20 ; Gal. 3:24, 25) Yahshua was sent to fulfill (make full) the Torah, not to destroy (abolish), change it, or end it in any other Way. (Matt. 5:17-20) As His disciples, we are taught to keep the Torah, not to earn salvation but to earn blessing and to express His righteousness. (Matt. 28 :18-20 ; Rom. 2:13) Only by the grace of YAHWEH through faith in the sacrifice of Yahshua are we able to be justified, and the Holy Spirit seal's that salvation and enables us to obey the Torah. *Salvation is not the goal. Obedience is.* Having failed in our obedience and become subject to the penalty of death, only the blood of Yahshua can save us from that just punishment...not to exist in perpetual victimhood, enjoying the identity of a rescued recreant, but so that having been redeemed, we may then and only then be able to obey the Instructions of Torah as we were always made to do.

(Eph. 2:8-10 ; Eph. 1:13, 14)

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"For this is the love of Elohim,  
that we keep His commandments.

And His commandments are not  
burdensome. " (1 John 5:3)

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## "NEW" COVENANT

The same Torah given by Moses, written formerly on stone but now in our hearts and minds through faith in the Messiah, (Ezekiel 11 :19-21) this covenant is not "new" (Str. #2537) in the sense of "having never before been in any form" but rather it is new in the sense of "renewal". It was broken but "made new" for all Israel on *stronger* promises and with *eternal* forgiveness. (Hebrews 8:6)

Yahshua renewed this covenant exclusively with Israel and Judah with the intent of making the two, one again, just as it had been before; (Jeremiah 31:31-37; Ezekiel 37:3-28) and through Himself, He offers all nations the option of adoption into Israel. (Hebrews 8:8 ; John 10:7) As adopted Children of Israel, all terms, conditions, and provisions of the Torah apply equally to those born of the nations as to the native-born Israelites. (Rom 9:6-8 ; 11 : 18-20; Eph. 2:19-20). No covenant has been at any time in the Bible given to the nations (commonly called gentiles), but as has always been it is afforded to us born beyond the Covenant, the opportunity to enter in, to leave behind our life of lies and embrace *The Way* instead. (Isaiah 56:1-8)

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"And other sheep I have which  
are not of this fold; them I  
also must bring, and they will  
hear My voice; and there will be  
one flock and one shepherd."

(John 10:16)

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## APPOINTED TIMES OF YAHWEH

The memorials and rehearsals that testify to the great plan of YAHWEH for Israel. They tell of Messiah's life and future kingdom. (Lev 23) Contrary to popular thought, these holy days (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, & the Last Great Day) were commanded to be kept by *all* the Children of YHWH, *not* just by the "Jewish" people. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8) YAHWEH has declared that these days belong to HIM and called upon us to honor them at HIS Appointed Times. ( Leviticus 23:2 ; Exodus 23:15) All other non-Biblical, man-made "holidays" that are derived from pagan origins and pagan customs, even if believed to be done in worship of YHWH or to glorify His Messiah, directly oppose the commands of Scripture. (Exodus 32:5-10 ; Deut. 12:31, 32)

So what do you follow?

The Word of YAHWEH, Most High,  
our Heavenly FATHER?  
Or the "doctrines of men"?

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"You worship what you do not  
know; we know what we worship,  
for salvation is of the Jews.  
( John 4:22)

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## The Grip of the Bone-Hand

(The Five Points of Fellowship)

Bones form the structure. Without the bones the form will not hold up, so bones act as the frame of the body. While outward appearance differs on everyone, the bones of all are basically the same. To wit, while most Christians differ on a myriad of doctrines, five core affirmations are held in common by all, *The Five Points of Fellowship*, which act as the bones of all we believe. If anyone possesses these five truths, they may be given by any Calvarian, the Right Hand of fellowship without fear. If not, they may go their way in peace.

- Do you believe in the Authority of the Holy Bible? (The 66 Books held in common.
- Do you believe in the CREATOR of WHOM the Bible teaches?
- Do you believe in the Messiah, Whom the CREATOR sent of Whom the Bible teaches?
- Do you believe in the practices, promises, and proclamations of the Messiah of which the Bible teaches?

- Do you believe that Messiah requires us to live a holy life as the Bible teaches?

(Of course subsequent issues will inevitably arise, but those are family matters and need not hinder association, if possibly calling for a separate assembly.)

Contrariwise, if one does not approach bearing these basic common traits, and he or she is given the hand of fellowship, we are grasping not the hand of a friend however friendly they may be, but are gripping the hand of death itself.

In due course, the contrasting deeds and dogmas of the other will corrupt and destroy both themselves and us. Most *caution* of all must be given to our association. Even more so than to our personal belief system, because our influences will impact our belief system. And may even alter it entirely in due time (as has been the fate of the Christian faith to date.)

We will be kind. We will be compassionate. But we will be separate from what is “other” than those *Five Points of Fellowship*. Or in the end we will be that thing we despised at the beginning.

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