

## Paul's Conversion

### So What Did Paul Convert to if Not Christianity?

Paul was a student of Gamaliel a famous and influential rabbi (like a Billy Graham) who was an "authority" on the Mishna. The Mishna was a compilation of all the oral laws that the rabbis had created over the years up until 200 CE. You have heard the fantasy that the pope is infallible well the rabbis promoted that notion first and everything they created superceded the written Torah. **This is why Yahushua came "not to abolish the Torah but to correctly interpret it"**. These rabbis had run amuck adding rule upon rule to where it became a burden that no one could keep. Yahushua came to show them that "His burden was light", **it was the man-made list of rules that were the burden. The rabbis had instituted over 1,500 rules on how to keep the Sabbath alone.** Whatever the rabbis decreed was binding and given equal weight as the written Torah. You would not believe some of the "inane" decrees.

For example:

# Halachot (Rabbinic)

# Oral Law



**Deut. 30:11-12.** For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. **It is not in heaven**

**Exodus 23:2.** You shall not go after a multitude in doing evil, nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to **incline after a majority in order to pervert justice....**

### Rambam's Introduction to the Mishnah

pp.27-28 "If there are 1000 prophets, all of them of the stature of Elijah and Elisha, giving a certain interpretation, and 1001 Rabbis giving the opposite interpretation, you shall **'incline after the majority'** and the law is according to the 1001 Rabbis, not according to the 1000 venerable prophets. And thus our Sages said, 'By God, if we heard the matter directly from the mouth of Joshua the son of Nun, we would not obey him nor would we listen to him!'"

The Sages said further, "If Elijah comes and tells us, 'The levirate obligation is cancelled through a shoe (see Dt 25:9), we will listen to him [because this is what the Oral Law teaches], but if he says it is cancelled through a sandal, we will not listen to him [because this is contrary to the Oral Law].' ...And so if a prophet testifies, that the Holy-One, Blessed be He, told him, that the law of a certain commandment is such and such, or that the reasoning of a certain sage is correct, that prophet must be executed... as it is written, **'it is not in heaven'** (Dt 30:12). Thus God did not permit us to learn from the prophets, only from the Rabbis who are men of logic and reason." 39

Paul is a man who wrongly killed people.

### **1 Timothy 1:13**

Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

But he humbled himself and asked "What shall I do?" (Acts 22:10)

Repent to YHWH and then follow Yahushua as the Disciples, Paul and everyone else as a Torah Observant Israelite. Like it or not you must be grafted into the olive tree as it states in Romans 11:17-32, there is no new olive tree but you must be grafted into the good olive tree.

### **Romans 11**

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; (grafted in, not a new olive tree)

18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. (must continue following His commandments or else)

23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? (It has always been an Israelite tree)

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. (Yahushua came for the lost tribes, they are considered gentiles, see Hosea 1 and Matthew 15:24, as part of the mixed-multitude we must be grafted in)

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (Both houses are united into "one stick" Ezekiel 37:16-28)

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.