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# Christians@Work

## Christian Fellowship

Shalom to Christians @ Work, the Christian Fellowship at HP! Sept. 2013

**"... and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn.8:32, CJB)"**

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**Unapproved by the leadership team!**

### Fix and Rebuild



The last two years have been "Fix and Rebuild" years in my personal walk in faith. God began to talk to me through various bible passages over and over again, e.g.:

*"One of the Torah-teachers came up and heard them engaged in this discussion. Seeing that Yeshua (Jesus) answered them well, he asked him, "Which is the most important mitzvah (commandment) of them all?" Yeshua answered, **"The most important is, 'Sh'ma Yisra'el, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad [Hear, O Isra'el, the Lord our God, the Lord is one], and you are to love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your understanding and with all your strength.'** The second is this: 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other mitzvah greater than these."* (Jesus in Mk.12:28-31, CJB)

*"Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, **until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Torah, until all is accomplished.** Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."* (Jesus in Mt.5:18, NASB)

*"Does it follow that **we abolish Torah by this trusting?** Heaven forbid! On the contrary, **we confirm Torah.**"* (Paul in Rom.3:31, CJB)

What is heard in the church over and over, is that the Law of God, or rather God's instructions, in Hebrew called Torah, had been done away with the death of Jesus Christ - "He nailed the Law to the cross". I see this in a completely different light today. I need to admit that I am strongly influenced and highly motivated by the Hebrew Roots Movement, what many believers simply consider as a spiritual hype. And there are more topics beside the Torah issue which make me see the Christian faith from a brand new view.

I discussed several topics with my co-leaders A.J. Murray and Dale Conkel in various e-mails, including a recent conference call. We all prayed first and agreed for the betterment of the fellowship it is important to keep the leadership team in unity and agreement on key tenants of the faith that align with traditional Christianity. That's why I have offered to step down as CWCF leader with immediate effect which was accepted by my brothers.

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Looking back, I'm grateful to have had the honor of leading this fellowship for almost ten years, starting in 2004 as a very small group within EDS, then from 2007 until 2009 as chairman of the EDS Employee Resource Group "EDS Christian Fellowship" (ECF) and since 2009 as leader of CWCF at HP.

For all we have achieved, being meanwhile a fellowship of approx. 1'500 members in 27 countries, having a global prayer network, but also communicating with you wonderful brothers and sisters in the LORD, I want to give all the glory to my God, Yahweh Elohim!

A.J. and Dale will pursue the leadership and they will communicate further steps in due time.  
I'm happy to remain a member of the fellowship!

May God bless you all!

In Jesus Christ, the Messiah's love,

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