



Institute for Judaic-Christian Studies & Biblical Research

Application for Admission to a Certificate Program

This application must be submitted along with your Personal Statement of Faith. (References should be mailed directly to Besorah Institute by those writing them.) Please submit documents all in one envelope. A check or money order for \$15 (one-time application fee) payable to “Besorah Institute” should accompany this application.

Name _____

Address _____

Birthdate _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Church/Fellowship _____

Pastor/Church Leader _____

Check one:

Lay Ministry Certificate _____ Judaic-Christian Studies Research Certificate _____

Please answer the following as completely as you can. Use the back of the pages for additional space if needed.

Write a brief testimony of how you became a believer in Jesus (Yeshua).

What kind of ministries are you currently involved in or have been involved in in the past?
Please list and describe.

What is your educational background? (Secular and Religious) What is your highest degree? In what area did you obtain that degree? Which learning institutions did you attend? (Please provide the institute with transcripts from any other learning institution where you took religious courses.)

Why do you want to be accepted into Besorah's certificate program? How do you see yourself using the certificate after completing the program?

The information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

The following is Besorah Institute's Statement of Beliefs. Please read and indicate whether or not you agree with its contents.

We Believe . . .

There is only one true, perfect, and holy God, who exists eternally in three persons: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is Elohim, the creator of the heavens and the earth, and the same God of both the Old (Tanakh) and New (Brit Chadasha) Testaments.

The Old and New Testament Scriptures were God breathed. Together they are a complete continuous story and revelation of His plan and will for the salvation of all mankind. They instruct believers on how to live a holy life in obedience to the will of God.

Jesus (Yeshua) or God incarnate, existed as both God and man when He walked the face of the earth. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. He dwelt among us, growing up in a Jewish home and following Jewish law and practices throughout his life. He was perfect and without sin. He is our kinsman redeemer and fulfills all of the Old Testament prophecies for the coming Messiah. Jesus (Yeshua) did not come to abolish the law but to bring clear understanding of it.

Jesus (Yeshua) came as a suffering servant. He died on the cross (Roman execution stake) as a sinless (keeping the law perfectly) substitutionary sacrifice for humankind. Jesus (Yeshua) rose from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His physical kingdom and bring peace on the earth.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He like the Father and the Son is divine. He came to indwell, guide, comfort, teach, and empower the believer in Jesus (Yeshua). He also came to convict the world of sin and unrighteousness. In addition He equips the believers with spiritual gifts for ministry. The fruits of the Spirit should be evident in every believer's life.

Mankind (male and female) were originally created in the image of God (Elohim). The first humans fell from grace through disobedience, bringing about both physical and spiritual death. As a result, all of humankind is born with a sinful nature, are separated from a relationship with God, and can only be saved and experience a restored relationship with God through the atoning work of Jesus (Yeshua).

It is the will of God that no one perish. Through God's love and mercy, those who repent from sin and accept Jesus (Yeshua) as Lord and Savior are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God and heirs to His kingdom. They are all ministers who have the law written on their hearts and are dedicated to the service of God and others.

The believer becomes a member of the Church or Body of Christ. Jesus (Yeshua) is the Head of that body, which He has commissioned to go out into the world to be a witness and to preach the Gospel message to all nations, making disciples everywhere.

The Kingdom of God exists now spiritually on the earth. It will come physically when Jesus (Yeshua) returns a second time. Jesus (Yeshua) will come this time as King. His coming is close at hand and will be a personal experience and witnessed by everyone at the same time. It will take place prior to His reign on the earth.

There will be a bodily resurrection of the just/saved and of the unjust/unsaved when Jesus (Yeshua) returns to earth. For the just, there will be a resurrection unto life in heaven; for the unjust, there will be a resurrection unto death and separation from God. The world will be eradicated of all sin and evil, heaven and earth will be renewed, and we will live together with God in peace and harmony for eternity.

I have read the above statement of beliefs and agree with its contents.

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Applicants are to give a copy of the following page to each of their references.

Letter of Reference/Recommendation

For those writing letters of reference/recommendation for applicants to Besorah's certificate programs, please include the following information in your letter.

1. Use letterhead whenever possible for your reference/recommendation letter.
2. Include your name, ministry position, and contact information.
3. Indicate who you are writing the letter for, how long you have known the applicant, and in what capacity.
4. Comment on the applicant's walk with the Lord Jesus (Yeshua).
5. Comment on how often the applicant attends your church or fellowship.
6. Comment on the applicant's character.
7. Comment on the applicant's involvement in any ministry effort within your church or organization that you have knowledge of or have personally observed.
8. Comment on the applicant's communication and interpersonal skills.
9. Include any other information you feel would be helpful to us to know, such as any ministry training the applicant has received from your church or organization.

Please send your letter of reference/recommendation to:

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