The Basics of the Biblical Faiths

And the Differences in Them

Introduction:

What is the difference between the Messianic Faith, Christianity and Judaism?

Generally:

Christianity teaches that the Messiah prophesied to come in the “Old Testament”, has come and that He died for the sins of man-kind. That He was buried and raised from the dead, so that all man-kind can be saved by believing in Him. Furthermore, they teach that, due to His sacrifice, they no longer have to keep the “Old Testament Law.” (Torah).

Judaism teaches the need to keep the Law (Torah) as it was given to Moses at Mt. Sinai, but have given the Traditions developed by their teachers (Rabbis), equal or greater authority than the Law (Torah) given to Moses. Furthermore, they reject the belief that the Messiah has already come and died for the sins of man-kind. They await the coming of king Messiah, who shall rid them of their enemies and restore Israel.

Messianic teaches that, like the Christians, Messiah has already come and died for the sins of man-kind. He was buried, and has been raised from the dead, so that man-kind can be saved by believing in Him. Like Judaism, both Christians and Messianics await the coming of Messiah (a second coming or return) to rule the earth as our King.

However, Messianics teach that after we have received salvation, which is justification from death, by believing in Messiah, we believers are required to submit ourselves to obeying the Law (Torah) as it was given to Moses, without additions or subtractions. To Messianics the whole bible (Genesis thru Revelation) is relevant to believers today and the “New Testament” must be understood according to the Hebrew “Old Testament” mindset.