

# Conversion to the Nazarene Faith

## Requirements for Converts

While each person's journey towards Truth is individual, there are some basic requirements. These requirements attempt to ensure that someone who eventually chooses the Torah of Moshiach can make an informed and intelligent commitment to Yisraelite life-style and the Yisraelite people. To this end, the prospective convert must have knowledge of basic Torah ideas and practices, participated in some central Torah experiences, and explored his/her attitudes, beliefs and feelings as they relate to the Torah and becoming a Nazarene.

More specifically, the following list outlines the required tasks:

1. Mastery of basic Torah ideas and practices is largely accomplished through participation in a course entitled, Introduction to Torah. Specific details about the course will be given separately. Where the prospective convert is part of an existing or anticipated marital relationship, the significant other should also take the course.
2. The requirement to take part in central Nazarene experiences such as community gatherings, regular worship, and life cycle and holiday observances fulfills several goals. For the prospective convert, these experiences provide encounters with actual Torah living that should inform any decision to become a Nazarene. They also help the prospective convert to begin building memories and a usable Yisraelite past. That is to say, this growing reservoir of Torah based experiences will eventually form the foundation for a secure Nazarene Yisraelite identity.
3. The requirement to explore attitudes, beliefs, and feelings will be addressed through a series of regular discussions that we will schedule. We will discuss the details of the actual conversion later. For now, we include a set of questions that we will ask in one of those rituals. If you choose to become a Nazarene Yisraelite, you will need to be able to answer "yes" to all these questions below.
  - Do you choose to enter the eternal covenant between YHWH and the people Yisrael and to become a Nazarene of your own free will?
  - This commitment will start by making a public confession of the belief that Yahshua is the Moshiach, immersion, and the observance of the basic Torah requirements of Acts 15. Later requirements for males will be brit milah or hatafat dam. As you increase in knowledge, more mitzvoth will be added.
  - Do you accept the Nazarene Yisraelite faith to the exclusion of all other religious faiths and practices?
  - Do you pledge your commitment to Torah and to the Yisraelite people?
  - Do you commit yourself to the pursuit of Torah and knowledge?
  - If you should be blessed with children, do you promise to raise them as Nazarenes?

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# The Ten Commitments

All converts should apply these Ten Commitments and sanctify their lives.

1. **Moedim Observance** – Observance of the Shabbat and Feast Days .Attending synagogue on Shabbat and the Feasts are symbolic of our commitment to observe the Holy Days and the Festivals.
2. **Kindle Shabbat Candles** - Symbolizes our commitment to begin to observe Shabbat at home and in the synagogue.
3. **Mezuzah** - Symbolizes our commitment to having a Torah observant home.
4. **Tzedakah** - The commitment to give of our talent, time and treasure by tithing, according to ability.
5. **Affiliation** - The commitment to be part of a synagogue and become an active member of the synagogue community.
6. **Dietary Laws** - Accept the kosher laws and have an understanding of their importance for Nazarene life. Acknowledge the validity of this mitzvah.
7. **Worship** - The commitment to a regular worship experience with other Nazarenes.
8. **Education** - Each individual should have a plan for continuing a Torah education.
9. **Love of Yisrael** - Includes support for the people and the Land of Yisrael as the historical Yisraelite homeland and the Jewish State. Support organizations that act on behalf of Yisrael in American and around the world.
10. **Raise Children as Nazarenes** - The commitment to "teach them faithfully to your children" (the v'ahavta prayer). Our commitment to raise children in the Nazarene faith.