

Gentile Christian Israelite?

Searchers visit this website from nations far and wide – from China, Japan, Singapore, from Russia, Africa, South America, as well as Australia, Britain, the USA and Europe. All are welcome and many return time and again to drink in the words of God not visited by most of ‘Christianity’, because that arch deceiver, Satan, has thrown a veil over the truth and only the diligent and determined seeker finds the way and pattern of Jesus Christ. 1Peter 2:21, *‘For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.’*

Yes, we can find large groups who teach God’s Commandments, even observe His Holy Days, but tragically many have also been deceived into following the **man made** traditions of the Jews which Jesus Christ condemned: Mark 7:7, *‘in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’* It is our personal responsibility to prove the doctrine we observe from the word of God, not rely on a man or men in supposedly position of authority, but many do. Sadly, this is merely *one* symptom of hierarchical control in the church where a man or men set doctrine for a whole group or church of people, often then claiming that theirs is the only *true* church, a sure sign of what is in fact, idolatry. As a consequence, full understanding of God’s end time requirements and events has been withheld from them.

Nevertheless, God’s word reveals that these are our deceived brethren, held in dominion by those who claim to serve, but in practice *rule* over God’s people, Matthew 20:25-26, *‘But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.”’*

Others are simply deceived, lacking the diligence to prove for themselves what is right from God’s word, because they have lost their first love, Revelation 2:4, *‘But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.’* Revelation chapters 2-3 describe these our brethren, depicted there as different churches with different problems but all still recognised by Jesus Christ as His people.

Each of these churches is warned by Christ to overcome, if they wish to share rule with Him in His Kingdom. Christ demands that His Bride to be, be as diligent in her search for truth as the diligent wife described in Proverbs 31. The scriptures reveal that few of these brethren will qualify to participate in the *first* resurrection, and so describe those that will, in Proverbs 31: 29, *‘Many daughters have done virtuously, but you excel them all,’* and Revelation 19:7, *‘Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.’* Jesus said His faithful are the salt of the earth, but warned us to *remain faithful* to our calling, *‘You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savor, how shall it be salted? it is thereafter good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.’*

Those who leave their repentance and search for truth too late, are described in Revelation chapter 7, and as a result are likely to pay with their their lives during the 7th Seal, the Great Tribulation, which is approaching, verse 14, *‘I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’* It is significant to note here that in Revelation 7:14, the Greek word for ‘white’ is ‘leukos’, quite different from the Greek word ‘lampros’ which is also rendered ‘white’ in Revelation 19:8, where the *resurrected* Saints **who become the Bride** of Christ in the *first* resurrection, are clothed in white garments which actually glow with a bright intensity. Note too

that baptised and faithful Christians have **already** been sealed (Ephesians 5:30) so these late repenters, sealed only then, are extra to those in the first resurrection. Thus they miss out on Christ's arrival for His Bride at the *Sixth Seal*, described in the *previous* chapter, because they are unprepared on His arrival.

However, those who have diligently entered into that search for the truth can often feel alone and wonder at the way 'Christianity' is so far removed from God and from the faith once delivered, Jude:3, *'Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.'* One could almost cross modern Christianity off, in the search for the true God, along with Islam, Buddhism, etc, except that when the man-made false doctrines and deliberate mis-translations added by apostates are brushed aside, the truth begins to be exposed like a rich vein of gold covered by a thin layer of dirt.

If you have ever felt this, if you have felt alone, then take comfort from the prophet Elijah's experience, 1 Kings 19:14, *'He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."* Elijah felt he was alone as many of us have felt, but God enlightened him, verse 18, *'Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'* When this incident is mentioned in Romans 11, it also adds, verse 5, *'So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.'*

Yes, there is still a faithful remnant in Israel, **but not just in Israel**. Turn back a page, to Romans 9:6, *'But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel'*. The Jews for example, have been rejected at this time for their failure to recognise their Messiah, and of course they *are* Israelites. Paul begins to explain here that not all *spiritual Israelites* are descended from Israel. Verse 8, *'This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.'* Those descended from fleshly Israel are no longer counted as the children of God but those converted by repentance and baptism **from any race** are now counted as spiritual Israelites, with identical access to the promises made to Abraham. **In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile**, *'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.'* NIV., Galatians 3:28. **Christ needs representatives of all races within His Bride, to carry His Way to the nations in the millennium, where they will later rule. We are all one in Jesus Christ, members of the Vine, whether grafted in, or not.**

But the fact remains that like grains of salt upon a meal, we are now often widely scattered. There will never be many of us in this God denying age, Luke 12:32, *"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.'* 'Christianity' has become too corrupted, too deeply deceived by false education, evolution, and Satan's political correctness, to qualify for that role.

So, many of us will continue to feel lonely and miss the fellowship of like minds. We can visit other 'Christian' churches but it is hard to feel comfortable in the face of false teaching, and speaking up about a different belief is never welcome – sometimes even prohibited. Of course we can witness personally to those we feel may be receptive, but they are few and far between. So how do we carry out God's instructions to bring forth the fruit for His harvest and fulfill the commission He gave to us in Mark 16:15? *'Then he told them, "As you go into all the world, proclaim the gospel to everyone.'* ESV.

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