

Romans #135

“True Israel”

Romans 9:5-9

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen .God’s Sovereign Choice It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

Human self-righteousness is arrogant rationalization and a fantasy of comparing one’s strength against the weakness of another.

There is only one person who is totally faithful and committed, related to us and that’s God; He can only be faithful to us because of His perfect character.

At the cross, God condemned our sins in Jesus Christ so He could commend His truth to the soul, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile.

The integrity of God gains nothing from man’s righteousness but man gains everything worthwhile from the integrity of God when He imputed His righteousness at salvation.

Under divine provision, man can glorify God but man cannot advance the glory of God.

Once internationalism was outlawed in Genesis 11 and with beginning of nationalism, we have a scattering of nations geographically, linguistically and racially and this demands missionary activity.

Abraham was the first foreign missionary; he was a Gentile and became a Jew.

The first title for a missionary was Hebrew, which means: one who crosses over the river and Abraham became a Hebrew when he crossed over the River Euphrates and came into Canaan and evangelized.

Those who became born-again were to grow in grace and knowledge of Messiah and to evangelize the Gentiles, bringing them the message of the Gospel; like Jonah.

During the 5th cycle of discipline, the Church is the missionary base and even though Israel failed, God used other means and Gentiles were saved in OT times; Romans 9:30-33.

More damage has been done by Judaizing the Church than any other form of apostasy, so a clear understanding of the Church and Israel enables us to properly comprehend the entire Scripture, bringing stability in life that only comes from proper biblical interpretation.

The patriarchs or fathers are Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the line of the Jewish race of the seed of Abraham because each is born-again and each one reached spiritual maturity.

The emphasis on the origin of the Jew and what separates him from the Gentile forever is the fact that he originates from regeneration.

The secret to the foundation of the Jewish race is regeneration, so it’s very difficult for Paul to see his fellow Israelites reject Jesus Christ as Savior.

The Incarnation and humanity of Christ demonstrated two things:

1) It was the means by which the sins of the world were literally imputed to the Lord and judged;

2) It also has a relationship to Israel because Israel would always have an excuse that they could not see the Shekinah glory; all they could see was the cloud or the pillar of fire which was above the tabernacle.

The visible Shekinah glory comes and the same negative reaction that existed in the OT existed at the coming of our Lord so that actually being face to face with His glory did not make any difference. We can have everything in the world going for us and still destroy it all with negative reaction at God-consciousness and Gospel hearing or salvation and even after salvation with rejection of biblical truth.

God is offering us a one-time deal in this life to exploit our spiritual advantage.

Only wisdom resident in the soul can be converted into spiritual growth motivation, momentum and capacity for life, making life meaningful and worthwhile.

Paul reveals his excitement and his concern for Israel with a doxology reminding the unbelieving Jew that Jesus Christ is the God of Israel, the Shekinah glory and His personal presence with Israel is without parallel in any nation in history and that was climaxed by making Himself visible by coming in the flesh!

Man is at his worst at the cross but God is at His best at the cross!