

Israel Could be Saved!

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Every Israelite living today *could* be saved by *accepting* and *believing* in the Messiah whom God *sent* to them. John 1:11 “*He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*” God is love 1 John 4:8,16 and He loves everyone of every nation. From the beginning God chose *Israel* because He *loved* them—He just wanted *them* to love *Him*.

Like everyone then and now, they had a free-will choice to believe Him and trust Him in *faith* so they could receive His rich blessings *by faith*—but *again* and *again* God’s people made the wrong choice to trust *false* gods instead of the one *true* God. It led to Israel asking Aaron to Exodus 32:1 “*Make us gods, which shall go before us.*”

The sin of Adam was trusting some *thing* or some *plan* in *rebellion*, rather than to trust the true God in *faith*. A defiant and rebellious attitude will not trust God for anything—and this *wrong* attitude was passed on to everyone since that first sin. It is a *serious* sin and must be confessed, repented of, and asking God for an obedient heart.

God told Moses Exodus 32:7 that His people “*Corrupted themselves*”—they have been (8) “*Quick to turn away from what I commanded them,*” and thus they would be destroyed.

Moses prayed—31-32 “*Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.*”

Israel’s *unbelief* was a serious *sin*, but God’s mercy would *forgive* if they would turn *back* in repentance and faith. God will forgive *anyone* if they also repent of rebellion. Nothing can separate us from God’s love, mercy, and grace—when we are *trusting* Him in faith, but if we choose to *not* trust Him in faith, we separate *ourselves* from His love, mercy, and grace.

Nothing can stop God from *protecting*, *providing*, *healing*, or *saving* us—when our faith and trust remains on the Atonement Blood of His Son. If we are willing to *believe* and *trust*, God is willing to *save* and *deliver*.

Romans 9:1-4 “*I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites.*”

The apostle was inspired by the Spirit to proclaim God’s Truth—and that Gospel he spoke consisted of true *believing faith in Christ* for all things. Anyone who did *not* proclaim that same Truth of faith in Christ, would be “*Cut off*” from God’s love by that wrong choice.

The apostle later said Galatians 1:8 “*Even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.*” He was even willing to be “*Cut off from Christ*”—if that would save Israel.

This is strong evidence of his divine *love* and his deep *concern* for Israel. The Israelites were God’s chosen people—the apple of His eye, but they would suffer the same fate as unbelieving Gentiles—if they did not repent and turn back to God in humility of heart.

My kinsmen, Paul said Romans 9:4-5 “*Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the*

law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

God’s chosen people began with Abraham; to Isaac; to Jacob—(whose name was later changed to Israel) Genesis 32:28. God made a covenant and a pledge that He would bless Israel—if only they would believe Him and trust Him. These Hebrews or Israelites would be a *holy nation* Exodus 19:6 who would *see* His divine glory. They were to make burnt offerings “*At the entrance to the Tent of Meeting before the LORD. There I will meet you and speak to you*” Exodus 29:42.

The patriarchs were Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—through whom the Messiah would come. Jesus is God incarnate *who is exalted above all*. The covenant was a binding *contract* that God would *forgive* their sin of unbelief and every other sin—as well as anyone *else’s* sins—if only they would *believe* Him and *trust* Him.

Romans 9:6-7 “*Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.*”

8-9 “*In other words, it is not the natural children 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’*” Genesis 18:10—Abraham had to believe God in *faith* for the promise of Isaac to be given. Galatians 3:7 “*The real children of Abraham, then, are all those who put their faith in God.*”

Romans 9:10-13 “*Not only that, but Rebekah’s children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: not by works but by*

him who calls—she was told, ‘The older will serve the younger,’ Just as it is written: ‘Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.’”

Present day Israelites, the Jews, came from Isaac whose mother was Sarah—Abraham’s wife, rather than Ishmael whose mother was Hagar—Sarah’s maidservant. Anyone can be righteous before God by choosing to trust on the Atonement of His Son. Galatians 3:6 “Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

God’s choice of Jacob instead of Esau to continue the line of Israel was not based on human merit, but on believing faith in a blood sacrifice. The fact that God made His choice before the boys were born shows that spiritual life, healing, protection, salvation, and every other blessing from God is based on His plan—His plan to believe and trust Him in faith.

God knows everyone’s heart, and He knew whether Jacob or Esau would believe and trust Him in faith. Malachi looked back on the two men—Jacob and Esau as two nations—Jacob as Israel and Esau as Edom. Esau sold his birthright for a meal, so Jacob received the promise.

Romans 9:14 “What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: ‘I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.’”

Salvation is not based on human merit but is a divine gift through believing faith—trusting on the merit value of the Atoning Blood of Jesus. Most people do not believe God and do not trust Him in faith for anything—certainly not for healing or protection—nevertheless, God’s mercy, love, and grace still gives everyone the

opportunity to choose to believe and be saved from the coming wrath!

Romans 4:13 “For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.” Romans 4:16 “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.” Every promise of God is received by faith in Christ.

When our heart is converted to believe God in faith, then our sins are forgiven by that same faith. 1 John 3:22 “Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight”—and it surely pleases God when we believe Him and trust Him—to Heal our body without drugs; Provide our needs without Welfare; Protect us financially without insurance; and Keep us safe without security and surveillance systems.

God does not want anyone to perish through unbelief 2 Peter 3:9, but for everyone to believe by choice; to repent of their sin and trust Him in faith—because they believe in their heart that He has power to heal, protect, provide, grant us peace, and give us eternal life. “It is of faith, that it might be by grace” Romans 4:16.

We must be connected to the Vine for spiritual nourishment and the ability to meet all things according to the Word. Romans 11:16 “For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches”—which is what Jesus said John 15:5 “I am the vine, ye are the branches.”

It is a continuous walk by faith in Jesus—responding to everything in a right way by the power of His Spirit and not allowing the devil to distract us to cling to worthless idols! If we allow worldly

interests, questionable entertainment, and bitter attitudes to creep into our life, we could find ourselves outside and pleading to be allowed in.

Romans 11:17-18 “If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.”

Israel’s sin and everyone else’s sin is based on unbelief. Romans 11:20-22 “Because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.” Being willing to believe and standing firm on faith issues is a necessary part of the Christian walk. Godly fear and making sure we are not acting from pride are equally important.

Romans 11:22-23 “Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.”

Most people of the world persist in unbelief—even though they still have a choice—a choice to believe and trust God in faith—leading directly to Paradise! The other choice is to be stubborn and rebellious—leading directly to the flames!

By the grace of God, we must make the right choice—Eternity is at stake!



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