## All Israel Could be Saved!

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All Israel *could* be saved, but they will have to *accept* and *believe* in the Messiah whom God sent to *save* them. John 1:11 "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." God is love 1 John 4:8 and loves everyone—and He chose Israel because He loved them—He just wanted them to love Him in return.

Like everyone, they had a free-will choice to believe His Word *in faith*, so they could receive His rich blessings *by faith*—but *again* and *again* God's people made the wrong choice—they chose to trust *false* gods instead of the one *true* God. It finally 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*, some *plan*, or another *power* in *rebellion*, rather than to trust God in *faith*. This defiant and rebellious attitude will not trust God for anything, and this wrong attitude was passed on to everyone else since that first sin. It is a most *serious* sin and must be confessed, placed before God in a prayer of repentance, and asking Him for a new heart that *will* believe and trust Him in faith.

God told Moses that the people had Exodus 32:7 "Corrupted themselves [defiled]." He said 8 They have been "Quick to turn away from what I com-

manded them," and therefore would be destroyed. Moses prayed for mercy—Exodus 32:31-32 "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. 33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."

He instructed Moses Exodus 32:34 "Now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them." Israel's unbelief was a serious sin, but God's mercy would amply forgive, if they would turn back to Him in repentance and faith.

God will forgive *anyone*, *anytime*, but they have to repent of their rebellion. Nothing can separate us from God's love, mercy, and power—as long as we *trust* Him in faith, but if we choose to *not* trust Him in faith, we separate *ourselves* from His love, mercy, and power by that wrong choice.

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 us.

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 proclaimed God's Truth to the world, because the Holy Spirit was residing in his heart.

This true gospel the apostle spoke, consisted of true *believing faith in Christ for all things*—and anyone who did *not* proclaim that same Truth of faith in Christ, would be "*Cut off*" from God's

love by their own wrong choice. 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."

The apostle was willing that he himself be "Cut off from Christ," if that would save his people Israel. This is evidence of his divine love and deep concern for them. The Israelites were God's chosen people, but they would suffer the fate as unbelieving Gentiles—if they did not repent and turn back to God in humility and faith.

The apostle said, My kinsmen 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 changed to Israel Genesis 32:28. God made a covenant that He would bless Israel—if they would believe Him and trust Him in faith. These Hebrews 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 *who is exalted above all*. The *covenant* was a binding *contract* that God would forgive their sins—and anyone else's sins—if 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 the child 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.'"

Ancestry of 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 sacrifice 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*—that His true children are to *believe* and *trust* Him in faith.

God knows the *heart* of everyone, and He knew which one would *believe* and *trust* Him in faith. Malachi looked back on the two men—Jacob and Esau, as two nations—*Israel* and *Edom*. Esau sinned by selling his birthright to his younger brother for a meal, so Jacob would receive the promise of the firstborn.

Romans 9:14-15 "What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, 'I will

have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I 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 *gift* through believing faith—which is trusting on the merit *value* of the *Atonement Blood* of Christ. Most people of the world do *not* believe God, and do *not* trust Him in faith for healing or protection from illness—nevertheless, God's mercy, love, and grace still gives everyone the opportunity to *choose* to *believe*—and *by* that choice be *saved!* 

Romans 4:13-15 "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. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression."

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. Then 1 John 3:22 "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep [obey] his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight,"—and it pleases God when we believe Him and trust Him—to heal our body without medical drugs; to provide our needs without Welfare checks; to protect us financially without insurance; and to keep us safe without security systems or alarms.

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 to *trust* Him in faith—*because* they know in their heart that He has power to deliver. Healing, protection, provisions, peace, and salvation "is of faith, that it might be by [God's] grace" Romans 4:16.

The apostle stated 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 follows what Jesus said John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches"—and the apostle adding: 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's sin are 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." If we truly believe God, He will spare us.

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."

The world *persists* in unbelief, but everyone *still* has a *choice*—to *believe* and *trust* God in faith—or to follow the *stubbornness and rebellion* of the world. Eternity in Heaven is at stake!

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