

Questions And Answers (Part 3)

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Q. 1: What happens to infants/children in the Rapture?

Q. 2: Can [fallen] angels be saved?

Q. 3: Replacement Theology (Gal. 6:16)?

“We believe that the international Church has superseded for all times national Israel as the institution for the administration of divine blessing to the world.”

Gentry

“That is, we believe that in the unfolding of the plan of God in history, the Christian Church is the very fruition of the redemptive purpose of God. As such, the multi-racial, international Church of Jesus Christ supersedes racial, national Israel as the focus of the kingdom of God. Indeed, we believe that the Church becomes "the Israel of God" (Gal. 6:16), the "seed of Abraham" (Gal. 3:29), "the circumcision" (Phil. 3:3), the "temple of God" (Eph. 2:19-22), and so forth. We believe that Jew and Gentile are eternally merged into a "new man" in the Church of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:12- 18). What God hath joined together let no man put asunder!”

Price

“Replacement Theology: a theological perspective that teaches that the Jews have been rejected by God and are no longer God’s Chosen People. Those who hold to this view disavow any ethnic future for the Jewish people in connection with the biblical covenants, believing that their spiritual destiny is either to perish or become a part of the new religion that superseded Judaism (whether Christianity or Islam).


Perhaps [this] definition provides some insight into what an American Muslim and American Christian have in common. They both believe that Israel is permanently replaced by the church and that the church is the Israel of God from Galatians 6:16.”

Galatians 6:16 (ESV)

"And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God."

Galatians 6:16 (NIV)

"Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God."





Paul & Barnabas receive great Jewish opposition to the Gospel

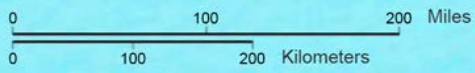
Paul & Barnabas flee to avoid being killed

Paul & Barnabas mistaken for gods Paul stoned

The Church at Antioch sends Paul & Barnabas on a missionary journey

Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted

Jerusalem Conference c. 49-50 AD



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 13 & 14

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route →

“If Abraham can have Gentiles as his "spiritual seed," why cannot there be a spiritual Israel? In fact, Christians are called by the name "Israel" : "And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy by upon them, and upon the Israel of God" (Gal. 6:16)”

Galatians 6:16 – NOT prooftext for Replacement Theology

- ‘kai’ = “and” (*continuative*, not *appositional*)
- Paul would not have used “kai” (simpler understanding)
- “Israel” always means (national, ethnic) Israel
- First record of “Israel” as “church”: 160 A.D.
- Why place a ‘new truth’ at the end of his letter?
- Why repeat “upon”?
- Paul addresses 2 groups elsewhere (2:7-8; 6:15)
- Paul wants to reassure the Jews

“And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, upon the Israel of God.”

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"But He answered, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



"For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished."



"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!"



Justin Martyr

“As therefore from the one man Jacob, who was surnamed Israel, all your nation has been called Jacob and Israel; so we from Christ, who begat us unto God, (like Jacob, and Israel, and Judah, and Joseph, and David,) are called and are the true sons of God, and keep the commandments of Christ... As, therefore, Christ is the Israel and the Jacob, even so we, who have been quarried out from the bowels of Christ, are the true Israelitic race.”

3 John 1:2 (NASB)

"Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers."



And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.



"For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. (16) And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God."



"On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised (8)(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles)"

"For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. (29) But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God."



"But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel"



Gal. 1:8-9 (ESV)

"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. (9)As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed."

