

**The Ironic Reversal of the Error of Galatians and Romans 14
With Respect to God's Promises in Genesis 12**
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Correct Understanding of Genesis 12 Combined With the Rest of the OT and the NT

God made three promises to Abraham—

- 1) To make Abraham's physical descendants, the Jews, the greatest nation in human history by granting them authentic belief and Jesus as their savior and king on the land of Israel.
- 2) To grant Abraham eternal life through his authentic belief and Jesus as his savior and king.
- 3) To grant to all Jews and Gentiles, who are willing to be like Abraham, eternal life through their authentic belief and Jesus as their savior and king.

The Ironic Reversal of the Error of Galatians, the Strong Form of This Error

In Paul's day, there were arrogant Jews, who wanted to compel the Gentiles to be like them and obey the Mosaic Covenant in order to be genuine followers of Jesus the Messiah and join the Jews in obtaining God's promise to Abraham of eternal blessing and being a *great nation on this earth*. In our day, there are arrogant Gentiles, who want to compel the Jews to be like them and forget the Mosaic Covenant in order to be genuine followers of Jesus the Messiah and join the Gentiles in obtaining God's promise to Abraham of eternal blessing and being a *great nation in heaven*.

Paul's response to the arrogant Jews in Galatians was, "Let them be damned," just as he would respond to the arrogant Gentiles in our day.

The Ironic Reversal of the Error of Romans 14, the Weak Form of This Error

In Paul's day, there were misinformed Christian Jews, who naïvely and mistakenly believed that Gentiles should be like them and obey the Mosaic Covenant in order to be genuine followers of Jesus the Messiah and obtain God's promise to Abraham of eternal blessing and being a *great nation on this earth*.

In our day, there are misinformed Christian Gentiles, who naïvely and mistakenly believe that Jews should be like them and forget the Mosaic Covenant in order to be genuine followers of Jesus the Messiah and obtain God's promise to Abraham of eternal blessing and being a *great nation in heaven*.

Paul's response to the Christian Jews of his day was that they were weak in their understanding of the gospel and should accept their fellow Gentile Christians who have a better understanding of the gospel, just as he would respond to Christian Gentiles of our day, that they are weak in their understanding of the gospel and should accept their fellow Jewish (and Gentile) Christians who have a better understanding of the gospel.