

JEWS Who are NOT JEWS



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“A person is not a Jew if he is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, **a person is a Jew who is one inwardly**; and circumcision is **circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God” (Romans 2:28-29).

GOD IS CALLING US TO BECOME JEWS—SPIRITUAL JEWS. Circumcision is an **outward sign of being set apart from the people in the nations who worship pagan gods**, but God wants more. He wants His people to come to Him in deep repentance, get baptised and receive the Holy Spirit, so that they desire to willingly obey Him, no longer having a stubborn, hardened heart. Then and only then, can you truly be set apart to God. Physical circumcision was implemented as a step in the teaching of ancient Israel the importance of being distinct from wickedness. The law was given to bring this nation into peace and righteous living, but without God’s Holy spirit and belief in God, it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6). The law is not enough; believers must have a willing heart—a heart of flesh.

ON A NATIONAL LEVEL, GOD WILL AGAIN PUNISH THE HOUSES OF ISRAEL WHO ARE NOW MULTIPLE NATIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR HEART OF STONE.

Which leaders today, in this 21st century call on their people to worship the Almighty God? **Both houses of Israel are yet to be punished AGAIN.** God said, "Their conduct was like a woman's monthly uncleanness in my sight. So, I poured out my wrath on them **because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols...** I judged them according to their conduct and their actions... I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered... I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws...** I will save you from your uncleanness... Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices... **Once again,** I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep... Then they will know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 36:17-37).

The house of Israel was once part of the covenant family, but because they refused to repent after their first captivity and they continued to sin, God divorced them, some hundreds of years ago. These people became part of the Gentiles. Many of them turned back to God over 2,000 years ago and today, they are known as Christians. **God regards them and all Christians from all nations as spiritual Jews—members of God's chosen people, when they keep God's law carefully** and their heart is changed from a stony, rebellious heart to a **willing and cooperative heart of flesh.**

"So if the uncircumcised man [the Gentile] keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?" (Romans 2:26).

The analogy of assigning believers as spiritual Jews is because the Jews have always acknowledged the importance of keeping God's Law. If you love God, you **will keep His commandments.**

"If you love me, **keep my commands**" (John 14:15).

"**Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.** The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them" (John 14:21).

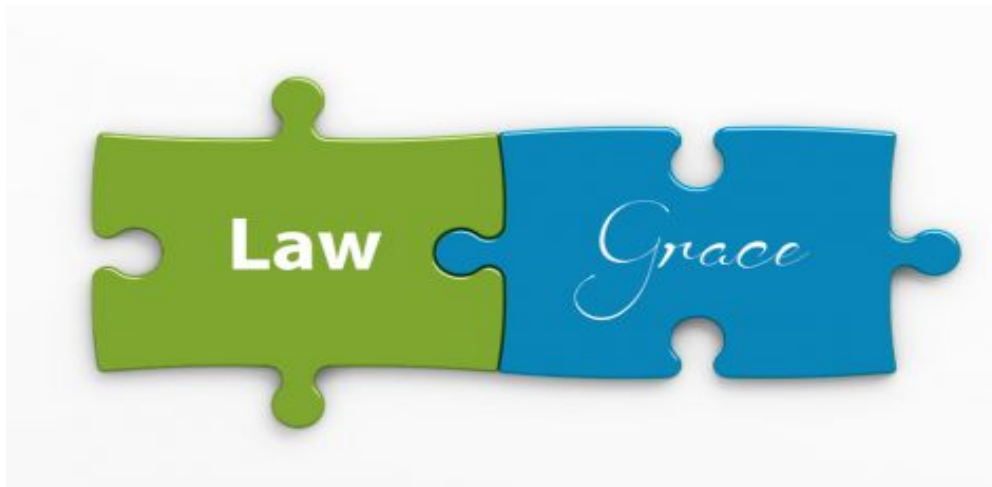
"**If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,** just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love" (John 15:10).

"We know that we have come to know him **if we keep his commands**" (1 John 2:3).

YET, THE LAW OF GOD IS NOT ENOUGH! Believers must have faith and receive grace from God by accepting Christ as their Savior and his life as the payment for their sins. **Law and Grace combined is the formula for our salvation.** The ancient kingdom of Israel fractured under the abusive burden enforced by the ruling house of the law. Their brothers pleaded for relief—for

grace, but the royal house of Judah refused. The two houses will be re-united as one kingdom by Christ who will give both houses grace. God painted this picture hundreds of years ago, law and grace—the house of Judah and the house of Israel, teaching His people His grand plan—a plan that enforces His laws of love while forgiving and extending grace to every member in peace.

Christians who say that the law is done away with are mistaken. Jews who reject Christ as the Savior are mistaken. **The two houses will remain fractured until both houses accept Law and Grace.**



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"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is **faith expressing itself through love**" (Galatians 5:6).

"For we who **worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised**. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put **no confidence in human effort**" (Philippians 3:3).

"**Circumcise yourselves to the LORD and remove the foreskins of your heart**, Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else My wrath will go forth like fire and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds" (Jeremiah 4:4).

AGAIN, LAW AND GRACE COMBINED IS THE FORMULA FOR OUR SALVATION.

"Don't ever think that I came to set aside Moses' Teachings or the Prophets. **I didn't come to set them aside but to make them come true**" (Matthew 5:17).

"John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.' And **from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**" (John 1:15-17).

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the **throne of grace**, that **we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need**” (Hebrews 4:16).

“In him you were also circumcised with a **circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ**” (Colossians 2:11).

“**The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts** and the hearts of your descendants, so that **you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live**” (Deuteronomy 30:6).

Believers who keep the law of God and receive God’s grace by accepting Christ’s sacrifice for their sins are the true Jews.

BUT WHO ARE THE ‘JEWS WHO ARE NOT JEWS’? These people have the following characteristics:

- They claim to be righteous.
- They break God’s law.
- They are liars.
- They have power to cast out demons and perform miracles.
- They persecute the true spiritual Jews.
- They belong to the synagogue of Satan.
- They are all false teachers and false prophets.

THEY CLAIM TO BE RIGHTEOUS: “Then you will say, ‘**We ate and drank with you**, and you taught in our streets.’ But he will reply, ‘**I don't know you** or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves are thrown out” (Luke 13:26-28).

THEY ARE LAW BREAKERS: “Depart from me, **evildoers**, That I may observe the commandments of my God” (Psalm 119:115).

THEY ARE LIARS: “I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, **but are liars**—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you” (Revelation 3:9).

“And **who is a liar?** Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. **Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist**” (1 John 2:22).

THEY ARE GIVEN SUPERNATURAL POWER: “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, **did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?**’ But I will reply, ‘**I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws**’” (Matthew 7:22-23).

THEY PERSECUTE THE TRUE SPIRITUAL JEWS: "I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of **those opposing you**. **They say they are Jews [law abiding people], but they are not**, because **their synagogue belongs to Satan**" (Revelation 2:9).

THEY BELONG TO THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN: "I will make those **who are of the synagogue of Satan**, who **claim to be Jews though they are not**, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you" (Revelation 3:9).

"But I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned the so-called deep things of Satan: I will place no further burden upon you" (Revelation 2:24).

THEY ARE ALL FALSE TEACHERS AND FALSE PROPHETS: "These people always cause trouble. **Their minds are corrupt**, and **they have turned their backs on the truth**. To them, **a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy**" (1 Timothy 6:5).

"A time will come when people will not listen to accurate teachings. Instead, they will follow their own desires and surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they want to hear. People will refuse to listen to the truth and turn to myths" (II Timothy 4:3-4).

"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by **the way they act**. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and **a bad tree produces bad fruit**" (Matthew 7:15-17).

"Not that there really is another gospel, but there are some who are disturbing you and wanting to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we (or an angel from heaven) should preach a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be condemned to hell!" (Galatians 1:7-8)

"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them" (Ephesians 5:11).

GOD KNOWS HIS TRUE SPIRITUAL JEWS: "I am the good shepherd; **I know my own sheep, and they know me**" (John 10:14).

"Nevertheless, God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord must TURN AWAY FROM INIQUITY'" (II Timothy 2:19).

THE WICKED: "Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wicked things. **No one calls for justice; no one pleads his case with integrity**. They rely on **empty arguments** and **speak lies; they conceive trouble** and **give birth to evil**. They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider's web... So **justice is driven back**, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter, **truth is nowhere to be found**" (Isaiah 59:3-5, 14-15).

“These people honor me with their lips, but **their hearts are far from me**” (Matthew 15:8).

“And so the Lord says, ‘These people say they are mine. **They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote**’” (Isaiah 29:13).

“Those who say that they are in the light **but hate other believers are still in the dark**” (1 John 2:9).

“**They claim to know God, but they deny him by what they do.** They are detestable, disobedient, and unfit to do anything good” (Titus 1:16).

“Why do you call me Lord **but don’t do what I tell you?**” (Luke 6:46).

“Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel. Should you not know justice, **you who hate good and love evil... and DISTORT ALL THAT IS RIGHT**” (Micah 3:1, 9).

“Woe to **those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter**” (Isaiah 5:20).

THE RIGHTEOUS: “The person who practices sin belongs to the evil one, because the Devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason that the Son of God was revealed was to destroy what the Devil has been doing. No one who has been born from God practices sin,** because God’s seed abides in him. Indeed, **he cannot go on sinning,** because he has been born from God. **This is how God’s children and the Devil’s children are distinguished. No person who fails to practice righteousness and to love his brother is from God**” (1 John 3:8-10).

“Dear friend, **do not imitate what is evil but what is good.** Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God” (III John 1:11).

“Therefore, **anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven**” (Matthew 5:19).

“Then **those who feared the LORD** talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning **those who feared the LORD and honored his name.** ‘They will be mine,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son **who serves him.** And **you will AGAIN see the DISTINCTION between the RIGHTEOUS and the WICKED, between those who serve God and those who do not**’” (Malachi 3:16-18).

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