Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)

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98% of the believers in Christ do not understand chapter ten of the Book of Acts. The majority of pastors, evangelists and Bible teachers even do not understand this chapter. I can make these statements because after having received a master's degree of divinity at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley in 1973, I passed on the error I had been taught. What is the error? The error that Christians can eat whatever they want because the Old Testament food laws don't apply anymore.

You can only teach what you have learned and I unknowingly repeated the same old lies dating back to the days of Scofield and Darby as they had set forth the doctrine of dispensationalism. Classes at the seminary dealt with the history from Adam up to the time of Jesus and that is where it ended. I remember thinking. what happened to the Jewish people after the first century? Years later when I began to study Judaism using the same textbooks that the Jewish people used, I began to understand and many passages in the New Testament that were once confusing became clear and understandable. Rather than doing an in depth study on the doctrine of Judaism, I will highlight the main doctrine concerning Jews and Gentiles:

- 1. The majority of Jewish rabbis read, teach and speak from the Talmud; a huge volume of commentary, around 550 books, dating back to the captivity in Babylon around five hundred years before Christ and have been enlarged over the years by the rabbis.
- 2. The Cabala is a second volume of books used by the Jewish rabbis, around 600 bokks, with the oldest parts dating back to King Solomon.
- 3. Even though rabbis will use the Old Testament in their teachings, the average Jew knows very little about it, not too much about the Cabala and bases his belief is based upon what he has been taught from the Talmud.

THE DOCTRINE OF MAN ACCORDING TO THE TALMUD

The Talmud teaches that Jews are made in the image of God and all other people living on this earth don't have a soul because they are animals and not human. When Jews speaks among themselves they refer to Gentiles as "goyim" (cattle).

The Talmud teaches there is no salvation for Gentiles, they are to be treated like the animals, and will simply cease to exist when they die. Thus, a Gentile has the same value as a cow, a horse or a dog; he is just an animal.

The Talmud has one set of laws for Jews and another for Gentiles.

JEWS ARE NOT STUPID

Jewish leaders and rabbis have known since the day of Babylon that if the teachings of the Talmud become common knowledge among the Gentiles, their days would be numbered on this earth. Therefore, there was a death sentence upon any Jew that revealed the secrets of the Talmud to the Gentiles. This worked for many centuries as the rabbis were able to keep the Talmud out of Gentile hands.

After Martin Luther was saved and started the reformation, he had a hunger read the Old Testament in Hebrew to get a better understanding. He found some rabbis in Germany which agreed to teach him Hebrew. After a number of years, Luther came across some Talmudic material. What he read made him furious and wrote a small book in response called "The Jews and their Lies." The Jewish leadership was furious and it was not until a few years ago that the World Lutheran Federation voted to reject the book and apologize to the Jewish people and declare that Martin Luther had been anti-Semitic. But the damage was done and the hateful Talmud had been publicly uncovered. The exposures continued as new Jewish generations came along that were not familiar with Yiddish and Hebrew, the Talmud was translated into different languages and more copies fell into the hands of Gentiles.

WHAT DID THE APOSTLES BELIEVE?

Peter, John, James and all the others had been taught from childhood that only Jews had a soul; as a result, only Jews could be saved and have eternal life with God. It took an act of God to change the understanding on this subject even though Jesus had told them to go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature. **Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18**

REACHING OUT TO THE GENTILES

The city of Caesarea was a coastal town 50 miles north of Joppa. God moved upon a Roman officer who believed in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but since he was not Jewish, he could not convert to Judaism. **Acts 10:1-2**

Luke points out that the angel came to Cornelius at three o'clock in the afternoon while it was still day light and he was not sleeping. **verse 3**

The angel gave Cornelius specific command what to do, along with a name and address. **verses 4-6**

Cornelius was a man of faith and took action at once. He sent a delegation to a city 50 miles south; to bring back a man he had never met. **verse 7-9**

PETER'S VISION

Peter went up to the roof top at noon to pray. All roofs back then were flat and served as an outdoor room. **verses 10-16**

Peter was clueless about the vision when he woke up. verse 17

Notice that God prepared both Cornelius and Peter to make sure that there was no doubt, **verses 18-21**

Peter knew that he was to go with the men but wanted to know why? verse 22

No time was wasted and the trip to Caesarea began the next morning. verse 23

Cornelius was anxious and had filled his house with people to meet this stranger who would tell him about God. **verse 24**

A Roman officer never knelt before a Jew but this showed that Cornelius was a humble man. **verses 25-27**

PETER REVEALS THE LAWS OF THE TALMUD

Without hesitation, Peter told this officer of the Roman occupation army that it was not lawful for him to go into a house of a Gentile, but since God has told him to do it, he would do it and answer any questions. **verses 28-29**

Cornelius told Peter about the angel visiting him. **verses 30-33**

PETER UNDERSTANDS HIS VISION

After hearing Cornelius speak, Peter now understood the vision about the unclean beasts; God was not speaking about food but that all people are clean and can be saved. **verses 34-35**

Peter began preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. **verses 36-43**

THE HOLY GHOST CONFIRMATION

The people repented of their sins and quietly received Christ along with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit before Peter had a chance to finish his sermon. There was nothing Peter could do but accept that the teaching of the Talmud was false and all people on the earth had a soul; Jesus died for all people, not just a particular nation. **verses 44-48**

The covenant with Abraham was now fulfilled and all nations on the earth had access to salvation and eternal life. **Genesis 12:1-3**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?