

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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PART 3: THE END OF JUDAISM

REFUTING JUDAISM

It was difficult for many of the Jews who came to Christ to understand that they were saved by grace. Salvation did not come from keeping the law but solely through faith in Christ.

The Jews who still trusted in salvation by keeping the law were essentially blind guides leading the blind. Any Jew who wants to be born again and follow Christ must abandon the teaching that salvation comes by keeping the law. **Romans 2:17-29**

Paul made this teaching clear in his letter to the church at Ephesus. Salvation comes by grace and grace alone. You cannot earn your way to heaven. **Ephesians 2:4-10; 1 John 2:18-22; 4:3**

WHAT ADVANTAGE HAS THE JEW?

When Paul wrote this letter, he addressed the Jewish question. Is there an advantage to being a Jew? More than 90% of the Jews alive at that time had been born prior to the Jesus and lived under the First Covenant. When Jesus rose from the dead, the First Covenant ceased to exist and they could no longer attain salvation by repentance and believing in a future Messiah. It wasn't enough to believe in the coming of the Messiah anymore since Jesus had arrived and suddenly both Jew and Gentile alike had to be born again. Jesus had made this point clear to Nicodemus. **John 3:1-7; 14:6**

Paul was expecting Jesus to come back in his lifetime and did not address future generations of Jews. This is the mindset we must have in order to understand Paul's words in this chapter.

The generation of Jews that Paul wrote to still possessed biblical truth and Gentiles were just starting to hear the Gospel and the foundation it was built upon. **Romans 3:1-2**

It did not change the truth if some Jews refused to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. **verses 3-4**

Paul got into a rhetorical argument about righteousness. **verses 5-6**

THE KABBALLAH

Paul had been accused of being a Kabbalist and he refuted this slander. **verses 7-8**

Most pastors do not understand these two verses and I didn't either until I learned about the Jewish Kabbalah. The word Kabbalah is not found in the Bible and that is the reason ministers are ignorant about this major teaching in Judaism. The Jews have two major writings apart from the Old Testament, the Kabbalah (some 550 books) and the Talmud (some 600 books).



God used the prophet Isaiah, some 700 years before Christ, to reject and rebuke the rabbis who taught the Kabbalah to the people of Israel. **Isaiah 5:18-21**

What does the Kabbalah advocate? It teaches that when God created the universe, He became confused and a part of Him fell into the bottomless abyss and became stuck. This part of God took the form of a “holy serpent” and became known as the future messiah of Israel.

It is up to the Kabbalistic Jews to bring the holy serpent to the earth and that can only be accomplished in two different ways: the high road or the low road. In the high road, Jews must teach all people to be good and holy. The Kabbalistic rabbis decided that this was too hard and it was much easier to take the low road and make humanity sinful and teach them to sin as much as possible. Through their sins they would bring back the holy serpent, where he would be their messiah and reinstitute the kingdom of Israel.

The Kabbalistic rabbis and their followers have essentially made a covenant with death and God rebuked it through the prophet Isaiah. **Isaiah 28:14-18**

The prophet Jeremiah some 200 years later spoke about a conspiracy in Judah. **Jeremiah 11:9-11**

John the Baptist called out the Kabbalistic followers for what they were, a generation of vipers. **Matthew 3:7**

Jesus rebuked the Kabbalist’s for attempting to set up the kingdom of Israel with force. **Matthew 11:12**

Just like John the Baptist, Jesus called them followers of the serpent. **Matthew 12:34**

ARE THERE ANY RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE?

Paul turned the tables on the Jews and told them there wasn’t a single righteous Jew or Gentile in the world. **Romans 3:9-18**

Keeping the Old Testament laws will not save you. **verses 19-20**

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

When you put your faith and trust in Jesus as Lord, Savior, Messiah, you are justified by faith and repentance and clothed in the righteousness of Christ. There is no boasting since we have been saved by grace and can’t add anything to it. **verses 21-28**

ONE SALVATION PLAN

Contrary to the teaching of Christian Zionists, who erroneously believe God has one salvation plan for the Gentiles and another for the Jews, there is only one salvation plan for humanity. Jesus is the only way to heaven. Any other path leads to hell and later the Lake of Fire. **verses 29-31; John 14:6**

Remember, it’s not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?