

# Partakers of Israel's Spiritual Things

## (12/28/16)

- I. **Rom 15:25-27**- Gentiles have been made partaker of their spiritual things
  - A) "Them" refers back to saints in Macedonia and Achaia (not all the Gentiles)
  - B) "Their" refers back to the saints at Jerusalem (not all the Jews or the city)
    - 1) Believing Gentiles made partakers with believing Jews in the spiritual things that previously had been offered and belonged only to Jews
      - i. **Eph 1:12-13**- "Those who 1<sup>st</sup> trusted" (Jews) with "you who also trusted" (Gentiles)
      - ii. **Rom 11:13-24**- This is the picture shown in the Olive Tree
        - a) The Olive Tree represents the blessings and promises of the New Covenant which were made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
          - 1) **Rom 4:9-14**- These promises were always about faith and not flesh
          - 2) The natural branches (Abraham's physical children) for the most part rejected the Messiah and His Covenant, only a remnant believed. These natural unbelievers were cut off and unnatural (no kin to Abraham) believers were grafted into the Covenant by the same faith
            - (a) This is not "national" but rather "individual" and in no way represents the Nation under the Law Covenant.
            - (b) This tree is never "cut down" but simply pruned and added to. The root, tree trunk and many branches remained
  - 2) **Rom 9:6-8**- The Promises and Covenant of God did not "fail" as most of dispensationalism believes, they were received by a remnant of Israel and then extended to the believing Gentiles
- II. **Eph 2:11-22**- These verses explain "how" the Lord made the joining of 2 groups possible
  - A) **Eph 2:15**- He did this by removing the thing (Law) which was causing a distinction between the 2 groups
    - 1) **Eph 2:11**- The verb tenses are all present tense and refer to a physical difference between the 2 groups
      - i. This does not/can not refer to 2 groups of Gentiles, as a circumcised Gentile is no longer a Gentile (**Est 8:17, Acts 2:5-11**)
      - ii. **Gen 17:9-14**- The uncircumcised Gentile was not "nigh" to the covenants of Promise nor taught of the coming Messiah
  - B) **Eph 2:15**- Made of twain "one new man" ("new creature")

- 1) This is not “combined the 2 races and considered them one race” but rather added a 3<sup>rd</sup> group (new creatures by faith)
    - i. **1 Cor 10:32**- <sup>1</sup>Jew, <sup>2</sup>Gentile and <sup>3</sup>Church of God (members)
      - a) **Gal 6:6 & 15**- In Christ circumcision and uncircumcision mean nothing
      - b) **1 Cor 12:13**- No “Jew” and “Gentile” in Christ’s Church (Body)
        - 1) So today the 3 groups would be <sup>1</sup>Unbelieving Jews, <sup>2</sup>Unbelieving Gentiles and <sup>3</sup>Believers
        - 2) So just as in the Body of Christ, no distinction need be made, so also in the lost world, they are simply lost; and just as the Old Covenant had made 2 races (Jew and Gentile) so also the New Covenant makes 2 races (Believers and Unbelievers)
    - 2) **Phil 3:2-3**- It is circumcision of the heart, as referred to in New Covenant that matters and makes the distinction today
  - C) **Rom 7:1-4**- Just as the Lord would need to annul the first marriage to enter another, He also would need to make the 2 groups one Body or either have 2 brides in 2 separate bodies like Abraham and Jacob
    - 1) **Matt 22:1-14**- Same invitation extended to another group
    - 2) **Luke 14:16-24**- Same invitation extended to another group
- III. **Rom 9:1-33**- Paul explains the distinction between “believing Israel” and “unbelieving Israel”
- A) The error of “Replacement Theology” is to teach that Believing Gentiles have replaced Unbelieving Israel
    - 1) The error of “Dispensational Theology” is to try and completely segregate the Body of Christ from all Jewish connection, or Gentiles from Jews completely
  - B) **Rom 9:6-8**- Not all Israel = “Israel”
    - 1) **Rom 11:1-7**- A remnant of Israel believed and were made partakers of the New Covenant
      - i. **Gal 6:16**- These are called “the Israel of God”
    - 2) **Rom 9:8**- Fleshly Israel “are not the children of God” (this destroys the Acts 28 theory)
  - C) **Rom 9:12**- The elder (nation) shall serve the younger (nation)
    - 1) At the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming the distinction between Jew and Gentile will mean nothing, it will be the distinction between believer (new nation) and unbeliever
    - 2) Paul uses both Isaac and Jacob
      - i. This is important as a Jew might be able to disregard Ishmael by flesh and cling to Isaac as His forefather, but then Esau is the son of Isaac

- D) **Rom 9:16-24**- 2 types of vessels among Israel; those fitted for <sup>1</sup>mercy and those fitted for <sup>2</sup>wrath
- 1) This same thing applies to Gentiles today as well as before
    - i. Cain (by works) and Abel (by faith)
    - ii. Ishmael (by flesh) and Isaac (by promise)
    - iii. Esau (unbeliever) and Jacob (believer)
    - iv. Law Covenant (fleshly works) and New Covenant (promised grace)
  - 2) In Egypt, God made His power known to group 1 (rejected Gentiles) by His treatment of group 2 (Israel)
    - i. Even so God made His mercy and grace known to group 2 (Israel) by His saving and treatment of group 3 (Church of God)
      - a) **Eph 2:7**- God's grace and mercy and love all made known by His work done for His Church
      - b) **Eph 3:9-10**- This wonderful and mysterious work is even revealed to a 4<sup>th</sup> group, the principalities and powers of the heavenly realm
- E) **Rom 9:25-26**- Paul uses Hosea (**Hos 2:23 & Hos 1:10**) to prove the principle of casting off and then receiving again
- 1) If the Jews could believe this was the case with Israel, then they ought to believe it is also the case with Gentiles who had long before Israel first been rejected and scattered
    - i. **Rom 1:18-28**- God after 2000 years "gave up" the unbelieving Gentiles and called Abram from that death
      - a) **Rom 11:7-15**- God after 2000 years "gave up" the unbelieving Jews and called Christ out of death
  - 2) **Rom 9:25**- "My people" = Believers (Jew and Gentile)
    - i. **1 Pet 2:10**- Peter uses the same verse in writing to his readers
      - a) **Acts 15:9-11**- This is only possible because there is "no difference" in believers
      - b) **Rom 3:29-30**- God of both "in Christ" through and by faith
  - 3) **Rom 9:26**- "In that place" shows that it is by faith and at the moment of belief, and not by flesh or change of location (which would be required if it was by the works of the Law since the Temple was in Jerusalem)
    - i. Old saying about get glad in same drawers you got mad in
- IV. **Rom 9:4-5**- The Spiritual blessings of Israel
- A) Israelites in the flesh, who "1st trusted in Christ" (**Eph 1:12**) were baptized into Christ and part of the New Covenant, thus the Church of God at first was made up of only "believing Jews" and they possessed the "things" of God
    - 1) Adoption- Believing Jews were adopted into God's Spiritual House the same way we are, by faith and not by fleshly right of circumcision as they were under the Law placed in His Physical House

- 2) Glory- Just as God's glory dwelt among Israel in OT physically, His Spirit indwelt Believing Jews under the New Covenant
- 3) Covenants- To Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were the Covenants of Promise made and established to Believing Jews
- 4) Law- Just as Moses Law was given to Israel, the Law of the Spirit of Life is given to Believing Jews and charity in the form of 2 Laws fulfills over 600
- 5) Service- Just as Israel had the physical priesthood under the Old Covenant, Believing Jews were first made a spiritual priesthood (*1 Pet 2:9*)
- 6) Promises- The promises made to Abraham like justification by faith, imputed righteousness, eternal life, etc. were first given to the Believing Jews
- 7) Fathers- Just as Israel had claimed the right of lineage from Abraham in the flesh, Believing Jews were 1st made Abraham's children by faith
- 8) Christ/Messiah- Just as Israel was to look for the Promised Redeemer under the Old Covenant, Believing Jews 1<sup>st</sup> had Christ as their Messiah and Head under the New Covenant
  - i. The Messiah confirms in this list that Paul is talking about Believing Israel, as Unbelieving Israel had rejected and killed the Messiah, and rejected Him again under the ministry of the 12. He in know way "pertaineth" (present tense) to Unbelieving Israel
  - ii. **\*\*\*\*\*Rom 15:27\*\*\*\*\* - These things are all extended to the Believing Gentile and the 2 groups are One in Christ Jesus**