

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

What About The Jews?

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Have you ever wondered about the spiritual condition of a Jewish person? A casual reading of Scripture suggests that the Jews will forever have special favor with God and therefore be saved for a different reason and in a different manner than the rest of the world. But is that *really* what Scripture teaches? Are Jews saved simply because they are Jews?

We can begin by examining the Jews original position with God. It was through them that the Messiah would come into the world. Matthew began his gospel by demonstrating that Jesus was in fact a descendent of Abraham and David (Matt. 1:2-16). God's law was

given to them through Moses, and they were given special blessings as God's chosen people. But in the New Testament Paul described the purpose of the law: "But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we would be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Gal. 3:23-27). He also wrote to the Ro-

mans: "And they [the Jews] also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again" (Rom. 11:23). Jesus Himself declared that every creature must hear and believe the gospel (Matt. 28:19-20).

The message is clear: Whether Jew or Gentile, man or woman, all must obey the gospel of Jesus Christ to be saved. Jews who reject Christ will not be saved based on their ancient genealogy. They will not be able to lean on an obsolete covenant. It is only through Jesus that one can be saved (Acts 5:12; John 14:6).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Super Saturday VBS will be July 6, the day before our Gospel Meeting, from 9:00-2:00. There will be an adult class that morning.
- Thank you to every one who prepared, attended, and gave gifts at the shower for James and Vera. Your love and support was felt and appreciated.
- Freddie Brown's sister, Gracies Dowd, has been in St. Thomas.

Morning Sermon: "Do All Christians Have Fellowship?"

Evening Sermon: "...With All Your Soul"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: John Hayes

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Brown, J. Walker

Pray: Baker

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Hebrews 4:16
“Therefore let us draw near
with confidence to the throne
of grace, so that we may
receive mercy and find
grace to help in time of
need.”

*This year’s Gospel Meeting with Coopertown
will be July 7-10, with Mike McPherson as the
speaker. Mike has spoken at Pleasant View
twice and been well-received both times. His
theme will be “Maintaining My Faith When...”
He will address serious issues of life that chal-
lenge one’s faith. Mike has personally experi-
enced the things he will discuss. It will be a
great week! Mark your calendars!*

I Accept

We’ve all been there.

When you have bought a house, ordered a product online, etc., you have had to agree to the “terms and conditions.” Most of the time you don’t even read the fine print. You know it is usually just a liability statement or an agreement about how a company can contact you with ads and other solicitations. It’s a formality—just another step in the process. By clicking or signing “I Accept,” you are one step closer to acquiring the item.

But...are you quick to click “I Accept” in all areas of life? Do you accept too many things the world offers without first examining their morality?

Let’s consider a few areas that need greater scrutiny.

First, do you click “I Accept” too quickly in the political realm? Politics has become a secular religion for some people. They have put their faith in judges, politicians, and governments. “If we could only elect this person...” they say. But did Jesus ever teach us to put faith in earthly governments? No. But we *are* taught to pray for government officials (I Tim. 2:1-2).

Second, do you accept the majority opinion just so you can fit in? In 1860, the majority opinion in this country—both in the North and South—was that black people were innately inferior to white people.

You would face little to no social pushback if you held that position. Today, the majority of people believe that homosexuality is a God-approved, natural lifestyle. It is the “progressive” belief. It is new way of thinking.

But the Bible states: “But examine everything carefully; old fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil” (I Thess. 5:21-22). God did not make us like lemmings who cannot help but follow the crowd off the cliff. We have the ability to read and reason God’s word and be obedient to His will.

Don’t rush to click “I Accept.”

James Hayes
