

The True Jew and God's Promise

Rom 2:25-29

Introduction:

- Circle that which corresponds to your ancestry:

Polish Scandanavian German Irish
Indian Jew Scottish Welsh African

- Proposal

1. All believers are _____
2. All believers can look forward to experiencing God's p_____ that He made to Abraham and his descendants.

True Circumcision is a matter of the h_____ not the flesh

- The covenant of physical circumcision

1. Instituted b_____ the Law of Moses (Gen 17:10-13)
2. Was incorporated into the Law of Moses (Lev 12:3)
3. Is fulfilled spiritually in our relationship to C_____ (Ex 19:5,6; I Cor 1:30; Heb 8:13)

- The spiritual effect of physical circumcision (v. 25)

1. Only has v_____ to the one practicing law (no "the" before "law" in the Greek text; Paul has in mind legalism, following rules and regulations to gain God's approval)
2. Has no spiritual value to God if you are a law-b_____ - *your circumcision has become uncircumcision* (see Jer 4:4; 9:25,26)

- The condition of a physically uncircumcised believer (v. 26)

1. He k_____ the requirements of the Law ("the" before "law" is in the Greek text; Paul has in mind the Law of Moses and probably the first three commandments of the Ten Commandments – Ex 20:1-7)
2. His uncircumcision is considered by God to be circumcision

- True circumcision is therefore defined as an operation on the h_____ not in the flesh – a heart relationship with the Lord. – Has Jesus circumcised your heart? (Col 2:11)

True Jews are defined by f_____ not by race

- Are you a true Jew if you can trace your bloodline back to Abraham or any of the 12 tribes of Israel?

1. Verse 28 – if someone is Jew outwardly, it does not make him a Jew i_____.
 - a. Rom 9:6-8; Abraham had two grandsons through Isaac: Jacob and Esau; only _____ was given the promises of Abraham.
 - b. Jn 8:37-39,44 – Jesus told those Jews who opposed Him that their real father was not Abraham, but _____
 - c. Rev 2:9; 3:9 – two syn_____ of people that wrongly called themselves Jews (rejected Christ and so rejected the God of Abraham – Jn 8:58)
2. Therefore a true Jew is not defined by race.

- Are you a true Jew if you have faith in Jesus Christ?
 1. Verse 29 – God looks on the i_____
 - a. The h_____ versus the flesh
 - b. Guided by the S_____ versus rules
 - c. Seeks to please God not _____
 2. Therefore everyone who has faith in Christ is a true Jew

The Promise of God to Abraham’s descendants are to all b_____ regardless of race.

- God does have a definite plan for physical Israel (Rom 11)
 1. Although the lost tribes of Israel are intermingled into the bloodline of the Gentile (i.e. non-Jewish) world, God’s prophecies indicate that He will s_____ them (Jer 30:3; Ezek 39:25-29; Hos 3:5)
 2. After saving people from every tribe, tongue, nation and class in the Gentile world, God will save the known Hebrew race l_____ of all (Rom 11:25,26)
 3. Therefore by saving people from every tribe, tongue, etc, God saves the lost tribes of Israel, fulfilling His word!
- God promised a certain land to Abraham and to his descendants
 1. Yet descendants have d_____ never seeing the land (Egyptian slavery for 400 years; the Ottoman Empire owned the land with no Jewish occupation for 400 years)
 2. This will be fulfilled when Jesus r_____ to earth
 - a. Jesus cannot return until the gospel is p_____ to all nations (Matt 24:14) and He finishes saving people from every tribe, tongue, nation, and people (Rev 5:9)
 - b. As Jesus returns, d_____ will be reversed for all believers, who will be restored as perfect human beings (I Thess 5:23,24; 4:15-17; I Cor 15:50-57)
 - c. All believers will join Jesus in His air travel to Mt. _____, which is Jerusalem (Rev 14:1)
 - d. We will reign for _____ years with Christ from this promised land over the unbelieving world (Rev 5:9,10; Rev 20:4-6)
 3. Therefore all believers will inherit the promised land!

Conclusion:

Jesus will be the only Savior of the world and God is the ultimate owner of the earth. Are we living this truth?

1. Is He your Savior?
2. Do you recognize Him as the owner of all that you have?
3. Are you looking forward to Him fulfilling His promises to you?