

ROMANS 9:4-5

God's Great Plan & Purpose for Israel -
Unalterable!





Romans 9:1-3

- God is NOT done with the nation Israel.
- Paul is not simply praying for the individual salvation of Jews.
- He is praying for the national salvation of Israel.



Three Necessary Clarifications

- 1 - No one ever receives salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ which results in a righteous standing before God.
- 2 - Paul's use of the word salvation vs righteousness
- 3 - The 2 distinct "salvations" in Romans



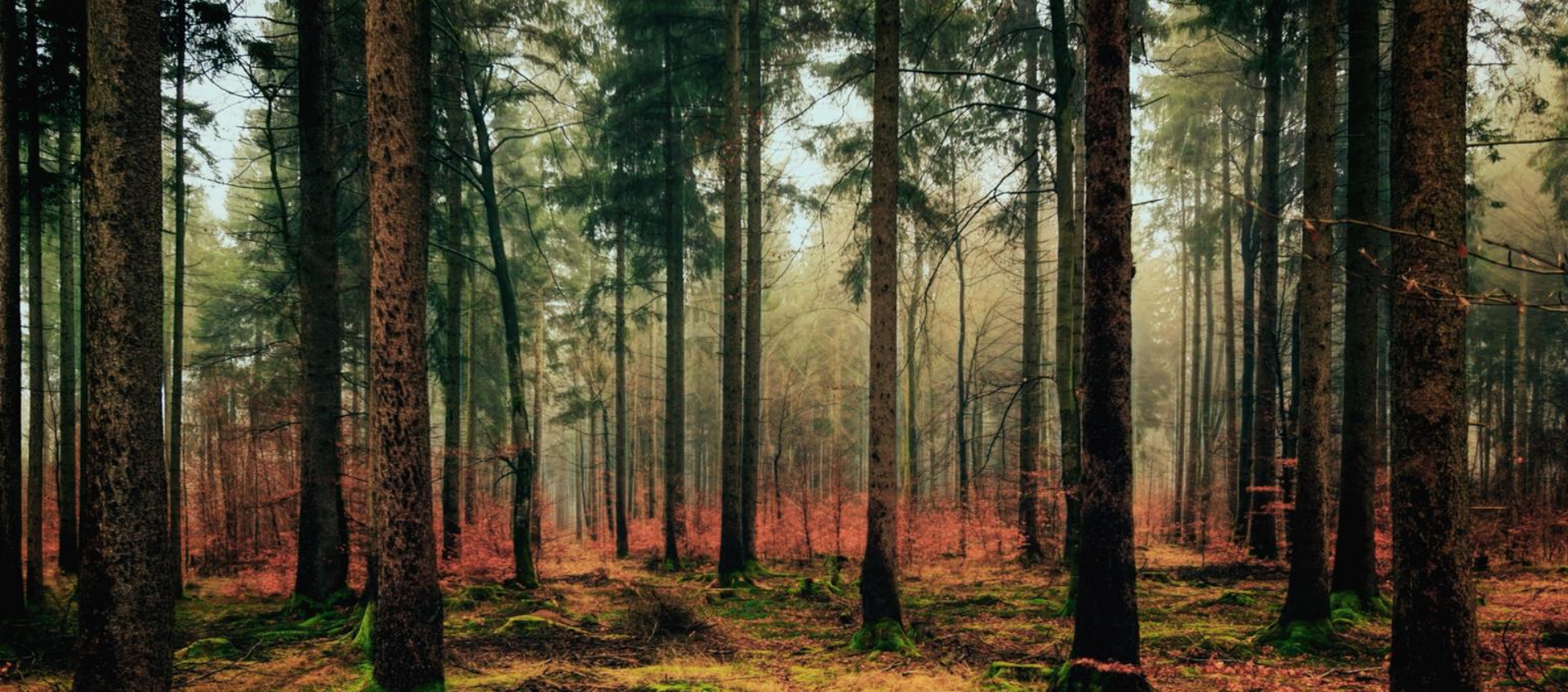
What do we mean by “national salvation” for Israel?

The promised Kingdom *is* national salvation for Israel!



The Church's Misinterpretation of the "Kingdom of God"

The Church, by and large, has made a deadly departure from Paul's doctrine of our heavenly position, and made the Church a political and social kingdom on earth.



...who are Israelites...

- Paul defines his “kinsmen” very clearly here as “Israelites”.
- Paul is about to tell us the things that belong to these “kinsmen”.
- Physical birth into the family of Israel is required to be an Israelite!



...to whom belongs...

- The adoption
- The glory
- The covenants
- The giving of the Law
- The temple service



Israel	The Church
<i>“The adoption as sons”</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- adoption is national and earthly.- yet to be fulfilled.- a result of covenant obedience. <p>Exodus 4:22 Israel is My son, My firstborn.</p> <p>Hosea 11:1 out of Egypt I called My son.</p> <p>Deut. 28:1 God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- adoption is personal (in Christ)- heavenly (in the heavenlies)- a present reality- ours by grace as a result of Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father. (not conditional) <p>Romans 8:14-15,</p> <p>Ephesians 1:20-21</p>



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<i>“The glory”</i>	
Exodus 40:34-38 the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ...in the sight of all the house of Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none">- earthly, visible display of God’s shekinah glory.- not present on the earth today- will return to the future millennial temple (Ezek 43)	2 Corinthians 3:18 ...beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image <u>from glory to glory</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- invisible to fleshly eyes. We are the spiritual temple of the Holy Spirit.- The glory of God is presently manifest in the Church via the life of Christ. (2 Cor 4:6)



Israel	The Church
<i>“The covenants”</i>	
<p>- Israel have 4 distinct and related covenants between themselves and God</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12, 15, 17)2) The Mosaic Covenant (Ex 19:5-6 etc.)3) The Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7)4) The New Covenant (Jer 31, Ezek 36)	<p>- The Church does NOT have a covenant relationship with God.</p> <div data-bbox="1182 811 1773 1296" style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #8B4513; color: white; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"><p>All of Israel’s covenants are earthly and related to her ultimate salvation in the Kingdom.</p></div>



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<i>“The giving of the Law”</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mosaic law was given exclusively to Israel (Deut 4:8)- the law is essentially the “terms” of the Mosaic Covenant (Ex 19:5-6) “if/then”- blessing for obedience, cursing for disobedience- the New Covenant will enable perfect obedience to the Law in the Kingdom (Jer 31:33; Ezek 36:27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Church is made up of those who have “died to the law”.- The Church is under NO law code- we operate under a grace principle (pure unmerited blessing)



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<i>“The temple service”</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- given a tabernacle/temple and specific blood sacrifices as a way of access to God (a way of approach)- a unique privilege among all the nations-But they could only come so close (limited)- And even then, they were only coming to a “shadow of the real thing” (Heb 8:5; 10:1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- direct access into the Holy of Holies God’s presence in Heaven by means of the blood of Christ. (Heb 9:11; 10:19)-this is the real thing!

Israel	The Church
<i>“The promises”</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Old Testament is full of promised blessings to the nation Israel on the earth. - all of God’s promises for Israel are related to the covenants made with them - a promise implies future fulfillment not yet realized - God stakes His character on the fulfillment of His promises to Israel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there are no covenant promises to the Church - all of our blessings are heavenly - we already possess all of our blessings in Christ Jesus - the promises to Israel are NOT fulfilled in the Church!



Israel	The Church
<i>“Whose are the fathers”</i>	
<p>- the offer of these unique privileges is to all who have physical descent from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (physical birth)</p> <p>- receiving the fulfillment of these things requires positional righteousness (spiritual birth) (verses 6 and 7)</p>	<p>- physical descent has nothing to do with being in the Church</p> <p>Galatians 3:28</p> <p>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.</p>



...and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

- Jesus, in His humanity, is a physical descendant of Abram, Isaac and Jacob.
- Jesus Christ *is* the one who is over all. He is God who is forever blessed.
- Israel's **only** hope of salvation rests on Jesus Christ. His deity *and* His humanity.



Israel's salvation depends on Jesus Christ!

When Jesus returns to the earth, He will be welcomed by a generation of Israelites who accept Him with open arms as their Savior, Messiah, and King!

