

## The Wrong Stuff

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The Christian religion of our day began sometime after the Apostolic period, was the seed that would become the religion of Rome in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, and eventually, 17<sup>th</sup> century Protestantism.

In the early 5<sup>th</sup> century, a Roman Church Bishop named Augustine defined the Roman religion with his faulty understandings of God and the Bible that he developed over a life time of various pursuits in other religions and humanistic philosophies. His beliefs and understandings were not biblically accurate, and in most cases, had nothing to do with the Bible or his Gentile audience. In short, Augustine had know knowledge of Bible truth, and perpetuated an empty religion about God, void of a relationship with the true God of the Bible. Augustine's ideas gained acceptance with the Roman pagan Christian Church and survive to this day, both in Catholicism and Protestantism.

The problem was Augustine's spiritual blindness due to his lack of the Spirit of God. This explains, in part, his inability to see God's message to the Gentiles as given to the world through the Apostle Paul. The indwelling Spirit is the key element to that multi-dimensional relationship with God. The relationship with God is what differentiates the Body of Christ from all the impotent religions of the world and their fortune cookie wisdom. Augustine could only see a flat, one dimensional concept of man trying the please God, striving to better himself by seeking a higher spiritual plain through self-effort. This is the foundation of the Covenant Christian theology that permeates the Christian religion today.

### Jewish Off-Centered

Christian Covenant Theology and Protestantism has a myopic focus on all things Jewish: the four Jewish Gospels that are all about the Jews, the Gospel Jesus who came to his people, the Jews, and had nothing to do with the Gentiles. They focus on the Jewish Hebrew epistles that are all about the Jews. These Jewish events, laws, and writings have nothing to do with the Gentiles and along with the Jews, rendered obsolete by the indwelling Spirit of God in the Age of Grace.

What the Christian religion chooses to ignore is God, who defines our life in this final 2000 years of mankind, sending His words to us through the Apostle Paul. In short, the Christian religion ignores everything that defines the Gentile Body of Christ. It is Paul's writings that define Christ's Church of Believers.

Christianity is confused: all backwards and upside down. It is the result of not having God's blessing and lacking God's Spirit.

- Each of the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews covers the same time period, presenting a continuation of, and end to the Old Testament.
- The four Jewish Gospels present information, just as the Old Testament presents information, about God and man, what happened and why, and what God did to correct the problem.
- The Old Testament is all about God's intervention in the lives of His people, the Jews, just as God intervened in the life of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and others. This time, in the four Gospels, God intervenes in the man, Jesus.
- The four Gospels present the fulfillment of God's promises that He made to the Jewish fathers in the Old Testament.
- The four Gospels are the final act in the story of man before the Savior; the climax and closure to the Old Testament, completing the story that began in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve 4000 years previous.

- The four Jewish Gospels drop the curtain on the final act of the previous 4000-year story of God and man, and the previous 2000 years of the Jews under the law. When Jesus said on the cross **"it is finished"** He wasn't kidding. These three little words, while epic in simplicity, are monumental in affect, putting an end to everything Jewish that came before. The Jews are now off the stage, put aside in blindness, their hearts hardened, the people scattered to the four corners of the world, making way for a new era of God and man.
- The four Jewish Gospels now complete, over, finished, the Jews out of the picture, God turns to the Gentiles through the Apostle Paul in an epilogue that introduces the next and final 2000-years of mankind. This moment in time is a clean break, a new page in the history of humanity that supercedes all things Jew. Nothing Jewish remains. From here on, in Paul's letters, we hear from God "the result of Christ": "because of". We have, we are, we will be, because of Christ.
- Christ stands in the middle of two peoples: the 2000 years of the past: the Jews under the law that began with Abraham. Then, beginning with Christ's ascension, this new and final period of mankind: the 2000 years of the Gentiles under grace.
- The 2000-year Age of Grace begins the final countdown in God's 6000-year calendar to end humanity and this world of sin. (See the article, **"The End is Now"** on this site)
- The Apostle Paul is God's messenger to us.
- The Apostle Paul's epistles are God's words to us.

**WHY** does the Christian religion promote as doctrine the obsolete Jewish writings that have no application to the Gentiles?

**WHY** does the Christian religion ignore God and His message to mankind He sent to us through the writings of the Apostle Paul; the message God specifically sent to the Gentiles?

**ANSWER:** Christianity, like the Jews, is a religion in blindness: Disobedient, No Spirit, No Bible, No God, No Salvation.

## It's About the Jews

The Old Testament is about the Jews. The four Jewish Gospels are about the Jews and the ministry of the Gospel Jesus who came to His own, the Jews, and His own rejected Him. The Jewish Hebrew epistles are about the Jews under the law. Neither the four Jewish Gospels nor the Hebrew epistles address the Gentiles, the Body of Christ, or even the religion called Christian that chooses to follow the out of context , obsolete things they pull from the Bible. These writings include wrong guidance about the law, inapplicable commandments, baptisms, works, sacrifices, tithing, and more. Nothing here applies to the Gentiles.

Christianity ignores God and His ambassador and messenger, the Apostle Paul,

- just as in Old Testament times the Jews ignored God's message to them, sent by way of the Prophets.
- the same when the Jews ignored Paul, God's ambassador to the world, as he spoke to his Jewish brothers concerning Christ, the end of the law, and Grace.
- Today, Christianity does the same thing - ignoring Paul. They do not want to hear God and they suffer the same fate as the Jews in blindness and a hardened heart.

- Both the Jews and the Gentiles, who do not have God's Spirit, neither having received the truth so as to be saved, will suffer the same fate in the time of the Tribulation under Antichrist.

## Contradiction and Confusion

The reason Christianity chooses to ignore God is because Paul's epistles contradict much of their dogma, doctrines, self-proclaimed missions emphasis, views on salvation, election, the Jews and more. Christianity promotes a mission of spreading a false religion across the globe, evangelical errors, rejection of God's calling and election, rejection of the Jews: their staunch belief in antisemitism they call Replacement Theology and anti-Zionism, their concoction of a phony Jesus, a false gospel, a false Spirit, false god, and more. None of these concepts are biblical and these religions are without excuse.

Ignoring God, followers of the Christian religion loose God's message to the Gentiles. Instead, they learn a disjointed, mixed-up combination of law and grace in a format that was never intended for, and provides no benefit to, the Gentiles. The only possible result is confusion of the Bible, in their assemblies, and in their understanding.

Modern-day retail religions do not have the correct application, or message, or the truth, or the Spirit, or God. Most do not have salvation and will endure the Tribulation.

The four Jewish Gospels and the Jewish Hebrew epistles are important in the same way the Old Testament is important, conveying information we could not otherwise know; giving us insight that paints the picture of God's 6000-year dealings with mankind. Important books, yes, but there are no doctrines for the Body of Christ, and nothing for the members of Christ's church to emulate.

In this 2000 year Age of Grace, God is silent, except for the words God sends to us through the Apostle Paul. In the New Testament, through Paul's letters to the churches of his day and to us, we see and understand a very simple message that you will not find in the Christian religion of today. It cannot be any simpler: Turn to God. That's it. Nothing else. No religion required before or after.

## The Right Stuff

The ascended Christ gave to the Apostle Paul the ministry of reconciliation and the word of reconciliation specifically for Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. These are the words God wants us to hear. The Apostle Paul did not preach the four Jewish Gospels, the life and ministry of the Gospel Jesus, or the message of the Jewish Hebrew epistles. Neither did Paul refer to Peter, James, or John, or their ministries. That is exactly what God omitted from Paul's ministry: the Jews.

The New Testament lay out includes the four Jewish Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Pauline Epistles, the Jewish Hebrew epistles including the Book of the Revelation.

- **The four Jewish Gospels: History:** The Gospels are the fulfillment of all the promises God made throughout the Old Testament to the Jewish fathers. The Gospels provide four viewpoints of the appearance of the promised Savior of the world as foretold in the opening chapters of Genesis. They provide a picture of Jesus' mission to save mankind. The Gospels end with the accomplishment of salvation for man and the securing of a reconciliation between God and man.

The Gospels collectively provide the final act in the 4000-year story of God working toward the salvation of His creation: man. It is the close of the Old Testament and the end of the 2000-year focus on the Jews under the law. It is the end of the Jews and the Jewish writings as the Jews are scattered across the globe and contribute nothing in the Gentile Age of Grace: the final 2000 years of humanity.

- **The Acts of the Apostles: History**, This is the post-ascension world beginning with the Jewish Christian Church, the Jews that believed Jesus was their Messiah. This is all they knew. They knew nothing about Paul, Paul's Gospel, Paul's mystery, the indwelling Spirit of God, or that God had set the Jews aside for the next 2000 years during the Gentile Age of Grace.

Chapter 9 introduces Paul, sent to the Gentiles with a new message never heard before. Though Paul, God's ambassador to the world, sought desperately to enlighten the Jews as to God's message to mankind, the Jews refused to listen. This is a parallel of the past when the Jews of old rejected God's prophets and refused to listen to God through them.

Paul's Churches grew, but were beset upon by false teachers with false gospels and false Christs. Once Paul was off the scene, his ministry and his churches came to an end, as did Paul's influence. Religion, then and ever since, forgot Paul, and their churches morphed into something that was a same-same religion of fortune cookie theology like the rest of the religions of the world, not the Body of Christ.

- **Pauline epistles: Doctrine** The Jews, put away and scattered, their writings now obsolete, the world turns the page. The Apostle Paul received a new message never heard before: God's message to mankind. Paul's words show, among other things, the Jews stubbornness and refusal to hear God's message to them.

Paul's message is simple: Salvation by God's grace through our faith in turning to God. Also, the indwelling Spirit of God is now given to those who turn to God. Paul's Christ is defined as the mediator between God and man. All we have, all we are, and all we will be is **because of** Christ, according to Paul.

Paul's message to man is God's message to man, but Paul is forgotten and his epistles ignored in the present-day Christian religion.

- **Jewish Hebrew Epistles: History** There is a fork in the road: Paul to the Gentiles, Peter to the Jews. These two stories run concurrently through the middle of the first century.

1. The Pauline epistles show God's new program to the Gentiles and a new message to mankind
2. The Jewish Hebrew epistles show a Jewish Church, completely Jewish, looking for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, still under the Jewish law.
3. Here, the Jews accept Jesus as their promised Messiah and Jewish King, but that's all. They clearly lack the Pauline indwelling Spirit of God as they cannot understand Paul's message of salvation by grace through faith, cannot break with the Jewish law, and are scattered with all the Jews in the Age of Grace.
4. This underscores the difference between the Jews and Gentiles that continues to this day: two separate peoples with two separate programs and two separate destinies: Gentiles to Heaven, Jews to the earth.

The Jewish writings were rendered obsolete as their emphasis on the law of Moses and the Jewish religion are no longer in play, replaced by God's grace. God provides the Jewish epistles in our New Testament to demonstrate to us the difference between law and grace, and God's mercy toward us Gentiles, being adopted into the family of God.

Through time, the Gentile religion, calling themselves Christian, did not have Paul or God's message. Three centuries after Paul, men without God or the Spirit of God, selected books for inclusion in a new work we call the New Testament. They wrongly designated the Jewish Hebrew epistles and the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews "inspired and doctrine to their religion". They are neither. Like the Old Testament, they are important books providing valuable information and insight that we would not otherwise have; information that allows us to see the big picture of our life and salvation. They do not provide guidance or doctrine, reproof, instruction, or correction for the Body of Christ.

- **The Revelation: Future and prophetic.** By the time we see Paul's epistles, there are three people groups: The Jews, the nations (Gentiles), and the Body of Christ. In the Pauline epistles, Paul repeats a theme reminiscent of Noah before the flood. As Noah was spared the wrath of God, so, too, the Body of Christ will be saved from God's wrath called the Tribulation of the last days. The Jews and the nations have not received the truth so as to be saved and will endure the Tribulation. The Revelation is a vision of what these two peoples can expect. It is a warning to the peoples of the world, Jew and Gentile, that they might turn to God and escape the wrath to come.

## Satan

From those early days before the Acts 2 Jewish Christian Church, to the Roman Church, to Protestantism, to this very minute, the enemy of mankind, Satan, has relentlessly pursued a plan of confusion, deception, and distraction designed to keep people from God and far away from the truth of the Bible. Satan's efforts have worked very well indeed as the vast majority of people who follow the Christian religion are spiritually blind, do not have a Bible, do not have the Spirit of God, do not have God, and do not have salvation. Instead, they worship a religion and a concept of a god. And it is not only Christianity. Numerous religions permeate our world, all with various themes on humanism, laws, self-sufficiency, religious writings of various sorts, and books of trite little sayings in religions that worship various gods and goddesses.

**Fun Fact:** Religion of every type is the single greatest satanic deception ever perpetrated upon the world, from idolatry, Confucianism, Islam, Christianity, and the rest.

**The Body of Christ is not a religion, it is a relationship with God, and the indwelling Spirit.**

So, the next time you read a book, hear a sermon, or attend a Bible study on Jesus, Peter, James, John, or the four Jewish Gospels, or anything other than Paul's message to us in context, you are not getting the message God has for you. Instead, you are being misled and confused at the hand of the enemy of mankind who wants nothing more than your undivided attention on everything and anything but the one true creator God.

Removing Paul from the Bible, relying only on the Wrong Stuff - the Jewish material found in the New Testament: the four Jewish Gospels and the Jewish Hebrew epistles, as is common in religion today, here is what you are missing:

- Salvation
- Justification

- Sanctification
- Reconciliation
- Atonement
- Forgiveness of Sins
- God's Grace
- Peace with God
- The Indwelling Spirit of God
- No condemnation
- Eternal life
- Imputed righteousness,
- Our walk in the spirit
- Freedom from the law
- Faith
- A life Alive to God
- JOY
- Freedom from death and sin
- Christ the Mediator between God and man
- The Body of Christ made up of believers in Christ
- Our position in Christ: seated in the heavenlies
- Our Adoption into the family of God
- Two peoples becoming one: the Jew and the Gentile
- The end of the Law