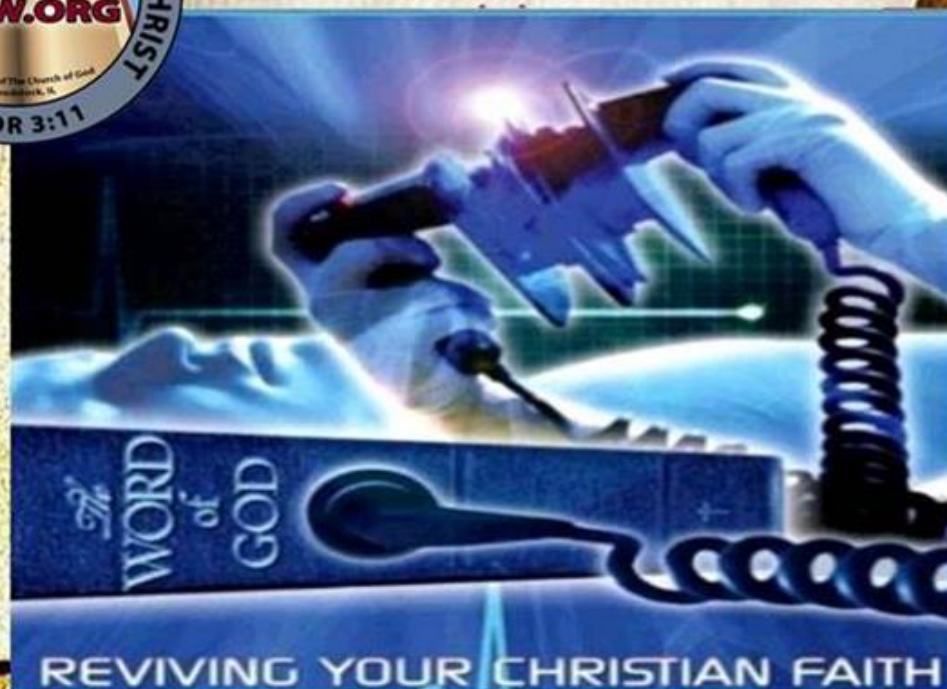
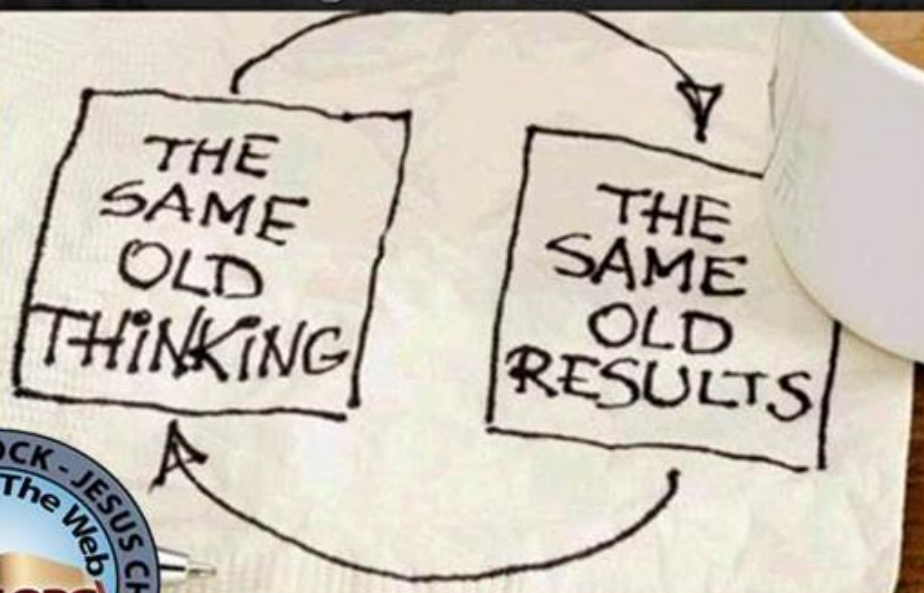


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## RENEW your mind

ROMANS 12:12





# The Faith



# Once Delivered



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**WHAT IF I TOLD  
YOU**

**JESUS WAS JEWISH**

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**Philippians 3:2-9** Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:



**2454. *loudaismos***

from 2450; "Judaism", i.e. the Jewish faith and usages:--Jews' religion.

**2450. *loudaizo***

from 2453; to become a Judaeian, i.e. "Judaize":--live as the Jews.

**2453. *loudaios***

from 2448 (in the sense of 2455 as a country); Judaeian, i.e. belonging to Jehudah:--Jew(-ess), of Judaea.

**Galatians 2:11-14** But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, **If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews [*Ioudaizo*]?**

**Galatians 1:21-23** Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: But they had heard only, That **he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.**



# Christian

**Acts 11:19-22** Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

**Acts 11:23-26** Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And **the disciples were called Christians** first in Antioch.

**1 Peter 4:14-16** If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. **Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed;** but let him glorify God on this behalf.

**Acts 26:1-5** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: Especially because **I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews**: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that **after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.**



**Acts 26:12-15** Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

**Acts 26:16-18** But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among **them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me.**

**Acts 26:19-23** Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

**Acts 26:24-29** And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.** And **Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am,** except these bonds.

**Our Identification As CHRISTIANS Is Biblical**



**1 Corinthians 3:11** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 2:19-22** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone**; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.



**John 5:39** Search the Scriptures; for **in them ye think ye have eternal life**: and they are they which testify of Me.

"Did it ever occur to anyone here that maybe, just maybe the Jews who truly love Adonai Elohenu are already saved? If they are putting their hope in the Jewish Messiah, isn't that enough?"

Was it enough for all the people mentioned in Luke 3:15?

**Luke 3:15** And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

If so, why did John call them to repentance and baptism and tell them they yet needed Messiah?

**Luke 3:8** Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.



**Romans 9:6-8** Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For **they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:** Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

**Galatians 4:21-26** Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

**Galatians 4:27-31** For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now. Nevertheless what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

**Galatians 3:26-29** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one** in Christ Jesus. And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

It is not necessary to be in Israel to be a recipient of the promises -- it is necessary to be in Christ.



**John 12:37-41** But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw His glory, and spake of Him.

If the Jews already have salvation through Torah, why did Isaiah prophesy of their needing to be "converted" and "healed"?

If the Jews already have salvation without acknowledging the Messiahship of Jesus, why did the apostles and other disciples need to preach the Gospel of salvation through Jesus to them?

**Acts 5:42** And daily in the Temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

**Acts 18:4-6** And he [Shaul/Paul] reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

Why was Paul so "pressed in the spirit" to testify "to the Jews that Jesus was Messiah"?

Why would their blood be on their heads for not accepting the Messiahship of Jesus if all they needed to do was believe in the Messiah of Israel (not necessarily Jesus as Messiah)?

It is evident that the Jews were expecting Messiah to appear during Jesus' lifetime. Why was their Messianic expectation not enough?

Why "to the Jew first"?

Why were the disciples of Jesus willing to be beat, stoned, cast out of the synagogue, etc. to preach the Messiahship of Jesus to the Jews?

**John 20:31** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.

**Luke 10:16** He that heareth you [disciple] heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me.

**John 5:23-24** That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.



**John 15:23** He that hateth Me hateth My Father also.

**1 John 2:22-23** Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: *but* he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

**1 John 5:12-13** He who has the Son has the life. He who doesn't have God's Son doesn't have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

"Repeatedly in the book of Acts, the Jewish apostles shared the Good News with their people, and repeatedly their message was rejected by many of their people. Did the apostles say, "Well, that's not that big of a problem. You still have your own way to God"? No, Peter plainly stated to the Sanhedrin, the Jewish governing body, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12 - yes, this verse was originally spoken by a Jewish man to a Jewish audience, not by a narrow-minded, fundamentalist preacher on TV).

Paul, too, made himself clear when his people rejected the message of the Messiah: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46; this is basically how Acts ends; see Acts 28:16-31). That's why Paul had "great sorrow and unceasing anguish" (Romans 9:2) in his heart: so many of his people were not saved, including those whom he said were "zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge" (10:2). In fact, it was for those very people that he prayed (see 10:1), "Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness" (10:3).

So, according to Paul, despite the religious zeal of the Jewish people, they failed to understand the gift of God's righteousness and therefore his "heart's desire and prayer to God for [them was] that they may be saved" (10:1). Let me repeat: Even Jewish people who are zealous for God (see 10:2) and are pursuing a law of righteousness (see 9:31; 10:3) are in need of salvation through Yeshua.

As for the notion that Jewish people can be saved by observing the Mosaic covenant, Paul writes:

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. Romans 3:19-20

I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing! Galatians 2:21

All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law:"

Clearly no one is justified before God by the law,  
because, "The righteous will live by faith" Galatians  
3:10-11

That is why, to the end of his life, Paul reached out to  
his people:

He longed to see them saved. And that is why he was  
willing to suffer so much persecution from his own  
people, coming back again and again to share the  
Good News (see Acts 21-22; 2 Corinthians 11:24)."



**2 John 1:9-11** Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

**Matthew 22:31-32** But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

**John 8:56** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad.

**Galatians 3:8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

## The Faith From The Start

**1 Peter 1:10-12** Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

## The Faith From The Start

**Luke 24:25-27** Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

## The Faith From The Start

**Luke 24:44-47** And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me. Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.



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