

The True Father's of Faith. The Covenant Besides The Law

Paul claims his true heritage is from Abraham, which dispells the idea of him being a Jew and affirmed also with these words "22 Are they **Hebrews**? So am I. Are they **Israelites**? So am I. Are they the seed of **Abraham**? So am I." (2 Cor 11)

Paul further defines his lineage with these words. "For I also am an **Israelite**, of the seed of **Abraham**, of the **tribe of Benjamin**. God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew" But He did cast away that final generation even as Paul said " For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ instead of my brethren, my ^[a]countrymen according to the flesh.

Many consider the elect and foreknowledge of God to be modern day Jews but scripture just does not support that.

Paul was **not** out to promote Judaism but the faith of the father's being Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as we have just clearly demonstrated. These are the ones his roots are from and who he aligns his faith to, as should we. This is something before Moses and before "The Law and Prophets. "The law was added till faith comes". And "The law was given to make sin exceedingly sinful". And do it did This is not our focus. The Law culture is fulfilled and expired.

From Exodus 3

When we look at Moses he was instructed by The Great I AM to promote the fathers with these words "Thus you shall **say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations**". So that which is to be remembered forever? "**The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**". **Not the Law culture.**

God goes on to say ¹⁶ "Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, **appeared** to me.'" If you remember, Paul validated his apostleship by "**having seen the Lord**" because the Lord

appeared to him too as "the bright light from Heaven". If we clearly understood this, a second coming appearing has no relevance for us because we too can be of those "having seen the Lord" now in His natural element of Spirit and Truth, to which we are called and our validation point as knowing Him perfectly.

Christ spoke to us in John 14 **t"who have seen Me have seen the Father"**. And "from here on you have known Him and seen Him". And so we do. Amen!

From Deuteronomy 29

Even those of the law had the earlier promises of God to the father's re-introduced to them after their 40 year sentence in the wilderness was complete saying 1 "These *are* the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, **besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb**". Showing for us that the 40 years was an expected detour, but not God's perfect will. His perfect will was and is for us to have the same faith in Christ as the forefathers

As with all the old testament analogies, the 40 years were given so that we wouldn't have to experience it first hand and avoid those pitfalls ourselves. Ultimately Christ closed that era as Paul's spells it out in Galatians 3 like this "¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us, for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree", ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham would come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, for us to receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

If we truly understand their lessons second hand, we are the luckier ones. Even if not, we are fortunate to be able to get back on track after we learn. The same is true of the disciples. As Paul said "now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is **lacking** in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

This is the grace of God, that we don't experience everything first hand.

Paul was **not** out to promote Judaism but the faith of the father's being Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Even as Paul further explained in Galatians 4 " ²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. ²³ But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, ²⁴ which things are symbolic. For these are ^[9] the two covenants: (the first one with the law) from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— ²⁵ for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— ²⁶ but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all."

This corresponds to The New Covenant established by the blood of Christ who is the heir of the promises to the Father's as Paul explains here " ¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, **but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.**"

So it is us who are heirs of these things of Christ as Paul further explains " Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. ⁸ And **the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."** ⁹ So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham." Showing for us that modern Jewery has no preference with God as Paul also clarifies here saying " ²⁶ For you are all offspring of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ **There is not the Jew** nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all (equal) one in Christ Jesus.** ²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise". Even as Paul also says in Galatians "God is a respecter of no man".

Our only access point is the Christ of the cross