



The Jewish Roots of Christianity

Discussion Questions

1. As New Covenant people, why must we view ourselves as a people group also connected to the covenant that God made with Abraham?
2. Who are two important people that are listed in the genealogy of Jesus? This is found in Matthew.
3. Do the Jewish people and Christians worship the same God?
4. To which people group was the Gospel to be preached to first? Who was the second people group that the Gospel was to be preached to? Who was the next people group the Gospel was to be preached to?
5. When was the term 'Christian' first used?
6. According to Romans 2:28-29, when we accepted Jesus, we became a _____? Therefore, as Christians we cannot take a position that is passive towards Jews of Israel.

7. When Paul was speaking to Gentile believers in Romans 1, he explained why salvation came to the Gentiles. Why did salvation come to the Gentiles?

8. When the seat of influence shifted from Jerusalem to Rome, the shift helped to redefine Christianity and disconnect Christianity from its Jewish roots. Church buildings were built. Observances of Jewish Biblical feasts were prohibited. The Sabbath was changed to Sunday. Continued denial of our Hebraic roots ultimately provided for one of the great false teachings of the Church – Replacement Theology. This theology teaches that the Jewish people are excluded from the promises of God and replaced by the Church. Take a moment to examine your own beliefs concerning Replacement Theology. If necessary, repent for any wrong beliefs you have had in thinking that the Church replaces the Jewish people as part of the Covenant People. We are joint heirs with them.