

Theme: In Christ, the True Israel, the church is the fulfillment of Old Testament Israel, the people of God.

I. Intro – Chart of Type, Christ, Church

- A. Chart of major points in series so far
- B. Note progression: type, Christ, Church
- C. Text: believers are true Jews
- D. What about Israel itself? Church?

II. Israel: The People of God (Motto)

- A. Motto (Gen 17:7-8; Lev 26:12; Jer 31:33)
- B. Israel the people of God (Ex 19:5-6; Dt 7:6; Ps 135:4)
 - 1. סְגֻלָּה and περιούσιος
 - 2. They are God's special people; He is their God

III. The Church As the Fulfillment of Israel

- A. Church: The People of God
 - 1. Motto: 2 Cor 6:16; Hebrews 8:10; Rev 21:3
 - 2. Treasured possession: Ti 2:14; 1 Pt 2:9; Eph 1:14
- B. The unity of Israel and the Church
 - 1. Believers seed of Abraham (Gal 3:29)
 - 2. Believers true Jews (Rom 2:28-29; Phil 3:1-3)

- 3. Same covenant (Gal 3:6-9, 26-29; Heb 8:7-12)
- 4. Same Law (Heb 8:7-12; Matt 5:17; Rom 3:31)
- 5. Same Gospel (Gal 3:8; Heb 4:2,6)

IV. Conclusion & Summary

- A. God has a united purpose throughout history
 - 1. He has one unfolding plan & covenant
 - 2. There has always been one way to be saved
- B. God has a united people throughout history
 - 1. God's people are the people of faith
 - 2. There is an essential unity in God's people
- C. You are God's treasured possession
 - 1. Out of all people on earth – He treasures you!
 - 2. You are His people – He is your God!

The Church: The Fulfillment of Israel In Christ (Part 1)

Genesis 17:7-11; Romans 2:28-29
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You Have Called Us Out of Darkness
Numbers 6

¹² I will walk among you and **be your God, and you will be my people.** Leviticus 26:12

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. **I will be their God, and they will be my people.** Jeremiah 31:33

⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations **you will be my treasured possession.** Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." Exodus 19:5-6

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, **his treasured possession.** Deuteronomy 7:6

For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be **his treasured possession.** Psalm 135:4

¹⁶ What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, **and I will be their God, and they will be my people.**" 2 Corinthians 6:16

¹⁰ This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. **I will be their God, and they will be my people.** Hebrews 8:10

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. **They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.**" Revelation 21:3

who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself **a people for His own possession,** zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:14 NASB

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **a people for God's own possession,** that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 1 Peter 2:9 NASB

who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of **God's own possession,** to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:14 NASB

²⁹ If you belong to Christ, **then you are Abraham's seed,** and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29
A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. ²⁹ **No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code.** Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God. Romans 2:28-29

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ **For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh--** Phil 3:1-3

Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷ **Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.** ⁸ The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and **announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."** ⁹ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.... ²⁶ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.** Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29

For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of **Israel** and with the house of **Judah.** ⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ This is the covenant I will make with the house of **Israel** after that time, declares the Lord. **I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.** ¹¹ I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Hebrews 8:7-12

Do not think that I have come to abolish the **Law** or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.** Matthew 5:17

Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, **we uphold the law.** Romans 3:31

⁸ The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the **gospel** in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." Galatians 3:8

For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. ... ⁶ It still remains that some will enter that rest, and **those who formerly had the gospel preached to them** did not go in, because of their disobedience. Hebrews 4:2,6