

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Judah, Israel and the Gentiles

Bible students know that the name Judah and the name Israel refer to the two kingdoms under Rehoboam and Jeroboam. The name Israel came from God when Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes, was called Israel. Regardless of what might have happened, all the descendants of Jacob were Israelites. The name Judah was applied to the Jerusalem kingdom. The name was taken from the name Judah, one of Israel's sons. The name Jew was also used. Those who went away with Jeroboam were taken captive and were scattered among the nations. They lost their identity. Judah remained, in a way, until Christ came. It was said in Genesis 49:10: ***"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the gathering of the people be."*** Then Christ came through the house of Judah. Was e an Israelite? He certainly was, for He was included in the promise: ***"In thee shall all nations be blessed."***

The name Israel has been laid aside. Isaiah said the Israelites, twelve tribes, would be called by a new name (Isaiah 62:2-3). That new name was not given until the Christian dispensation. The Gentiles were included, for they were to see the righteousness of God before the new name was to be given. Now, there is neither Jew nor Greek, for we are all one in Christ. A preacher in Los Angeles preaches, that certain nations, including England and the United States, are Israelites. Well, what if they are? Are they any better for being so? Whether Jews, Israelites, or Gentiles, we must come to Christ to be saved. Paul said: ***"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"*** (Galatians 3:28:29). That promise came down through the tribe of Judah.

Here is a quotation from that Los Angeles preacher: "If God had made a covenant with the Gentile nations, he would have said so." The covenant was made with Judah and Israel (Hebrews 8:8). Jesus was a Jew, an Israelite. The apostles were Israelites, for they were in a line from Jacob to Christ. "To the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). Paul said he was a Jew (Acts 21:39). He was also an Israelite, a descendant of Jacob, Israel. What we were in the past does not matter now. Those who are Israelites according to the flesh have no advantage over others, for all Jews and Gentiles must obey the Gospel to be saved. Cornelius was the first Gentile convert to Christianity. Peter, on this occasion, said: ***"Of a truth I perceived that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him"*** (10:34-35). Cornelius became a Christian. Here, the Gentiles have an interest in the name Christian. The name Israel was laid aside. If you have obeyed the Gospel, you are a Christian, not an Israelite according to the flesh. Jesus said: ***"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"*** (John 10:27). Who are the Lord's sheep now? His sheep are those who have obeyed the Gospel.

“Judah and Israel are different,” yet all belonged to one family, the family of Israel. All were of Israel. All came from Jacob, Israel. They were, at one time, the chosen of God. The Gospel came to us through the Israelites. The name Judah came from Judah, the tribe with Benjamin that remained in Jerusalem under Rehoboam. Those who went away with Jeroboam kept the name Israel, those who remained in Jerusalem took the name Judah, and those who remained with Jeroboam were called Israelites. Christ was of the tribe of Judah and became the great lawgiver in the Christian dispensation.

—E. M. Borden

Prayer Request

Maria Baeza, Tommy Garcia’s aunt, was taken to the hospital last Sunday due to a mild heart attack. Tests are being run.

Luke Wells (Josh’s brother) was taken to the hospital last week for a very low heart rate and blood pressure and unable to walk. They checked for a possibility of an infection. Luke’s tests were all normal and he was discharged to go home. Continue to keep him in your prayers that he gets to feeling better.

Lewis Ochoa (Rudy’s brother) is dealing with Prostate Cancer. He was in the hospital last week but has been released. Lewis lives in Kansas. Prayers have been requested for him.

Concerns Update

Carrie Loving was released from the hospital last week after undergoing outpatient bladder and kidney surgery.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Mitchell Bundick; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Mark Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Paula Jones; Chuck Keith; Charles Lewis; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Ken & Angie Orr, Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; Bill Wood; John Wood;

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Events

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Office News

Our “**Fifth Sunday Service**” is next Sunday. We will have a “Potluck Luncheon” following our morning service followed by our evening service in the Auditorium. All our visitors are welcome.

We will have a “**Potluck Luncheon**” each month on the fourth Sunday, with our evening service at 5:00 pm as usual. But for our “**Fifth Sunday Service**” our PM service will begin after our luncheon.

There will be a “**Deacon’s Meeting**” this evening in the library after our service.

What Can You do for the Church?

People often wonder what the church can do for them. It seems that everyone wants to be part of a large congregation that has immaculate facilities, lots of activities for the young and old, children of all ages and a large contribution. When someone is looking for a congregation to attend, these may be some of the criteria used to find the “right church.” Most do not look for a congregation where they are needed “to” serve. Rather, folks frequently look for a congregation where they can “be” served. This self-serving attitude seems to be at odds with the spirit of Christianity and the example of Christ, Himself.

Consider these words describing the ministry of Christ: ***“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*** (Matthew 16:26-28) This passage shows that Jesus, the founder of Christianity, did not come to be served; He came to serve.

Christianity is built upon this principle of service and sacrifice. Paul wrote, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:5-8) Notice that Jesus took upon Himself the “form of a bondservant.” As a servant, Jesus gave Himself for the sins of the world. (1 John 2:2). There could be no greater example of sacrifice than the one made by Christ.

Yet, those seeking to be followers of Christ today, often do not seem selfless, sacrificial spirit. The question at the forefront seems to be, “What can the church do for me?” rather than asking, “What can I do for the church?”

I cannot imagine Jesus, Paul, or Peter saying, “I am placing membership with congregation B because they have nicer facilities and greater financial resources than congregation A”. I cannot envision Christ or His apostles saying, “I am hoping to find a church that meets my needs.” I do not believe the Lord or any of His apostles would say, “I am choosing to attend the services of this congregation because they have more social gatherings.” I am persuaded that Jesus, Paul, and Peter were too busy serving to think about being served. I think they were too busy spreading the gospel and trying to save others to think about themselves. They were servants. We should be as well.”

— Mark Lindley
Ripley, MS

January 22nd, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Travis Ruckman
Charles Wood
Don Easlon

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Cody Wesson
Trini Wood
Scot Straw

Lords Supper

Jeff Wesson
Jr. Munoz
Jackie Perkins
Caleb York

Bill Ryan
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Pulpit:* Scot Straw 288-4533 — *Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Collections:* Cody Wesson

Sunday AM

“Shortcomings of Shadows”
(Hebrews 9:1-10)

Sunday PM

“Taking the Next Step”
(Judges 6:25:27)

Our Records

Bible Class... 71

Morning Worship...93

Evening Worship ... NC

Wednesday...60

Contribution...\$5,480.00