

**“There Is No Distinction Between Jew and Gentile”**

Rom 10.9 [I]f you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

\* **What was the** “middle wall of separation” between Jews and Gentiles in the OT?

Eph 2.14 He Himself ... has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body ...

**1) It was not** \_\_\_\_\_.

Think of:

– Melchizedek (Gen 14.18-20; Ps 110.4; Heb 7.1-10)

– Jethro (Exo 18.1-26)

– Caleb (Num 13.30; 32.12; Josh 15.13-14; Gen 36.10-11, 15)

– Rahab (Josh 6.25; Mat 1.5-6; Heb 11.31)

Heb 11.31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe ...

– Ruth (Ruth 1.16; Mat 1.5-6)

– The exodus generation who died in the desert

Heb 3.17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ... 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

**2) It was not** \_\_\_\_\_.

Num 15:14 “And if a stranger dwells with you ... and would present an offering ... to the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do. 15 One ordinance shall be for you ... and for the stranger who dwells with you ...; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.”

**3) It was not** access to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Deut 31.11 “[W]hen all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God ..., you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing 12 ... men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and ... learn to fear the LORD your God”

**4) It was not** \_\_\_\_\_ under the law.

Lev 24.22 “You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country; for I am the LORD your God.”

**5) It was not** the duty of \_\_\_\_\_.

Lev 19. 34 “The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt”

**6) It was not** \_\_\_\_\_.

Deut 16. Deu 16:10 “[Y]ou shall keep the Feast of Weeks ... 13 ... [and] the Feast of Tabernacles ... 14 And you shall rejoice ..., you and your son and your daughter, your male ... and ... female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates.

**7) It was the** difference between those who did and those

who did not bear the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the types of the law, pointing forward to Christ,

and the cleanness code, teaching spiritual discernment.

Gal 3.24 [T]he law was our tutor to bring us to Christ ...  
4.1 ... [T]he heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father ...  
4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son ... 5 ... that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Deut 10.12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments of the LORD ... which I command you today for your good?"

1Tim 4.1 [S]ome will ... heed ... doctrines of demons ... 3 ... commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving ...

**\* What happens** if the people lose that heart and mind? How did that show up in first century Israel?

1Cor 9.9 For it is written in the law ..., "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? 10 Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, ... that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes ... should be partaker of his hope. (cf. 1Tm 5.17)

Mal 1.2 "I have loved you," says the LORD. "But you say, 'How have You loved us?'... 11 ... My name shall be great among the Gentiles ..., 12 [b]ut you profane it ... 3.14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked as mourners before the LORD of hosts?'"

**\* How was Israel** like Colonial Williamsburg or Rothenburg, Germany?

Mat 15.7 "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

Deut 4.6 [T]his is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."  
7 For what great nation is there that has God so near to it ...?

Matt 21.12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN."

Eze 16:14 "Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you," says the Lord GOD.

**\* What kind of** heart and mind were required for Israel to live out the types of the law and portray the life God envisioned?