

Errors Of Christian Palestinianism

'Did God reject His chosen people? Absolutely not! ... God did not reject His people whom He foreknew ... Did the Jews stumble so they might (permanently) fall? Absolutely not! By their (temporary) fall, salvation has come to the Gentiles ... I speak to you Gentiles ... If the Firstfruit (Jesus) is holy, so is the lump (Israel). If the root (Judaism) is holy, so are the branches (Jews). If some of the branches (Jews) broke off and you (Gentiles) being a wild olive were grafted in among them and became partakers with them of the root (Judaism) and of the richness of the olive tree (salvation), do not boast over the branches (who fell away). If you (arrogantly) boast, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root (Judaism) supports you. You might say then, "Branches were broken off so I might be grafted in." That is true. By their unbelief they were broken off and you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited but fear the Lord, for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you ... If the Jews do not continue in their unbelief they will be grafted in once more, for God is able to graft them in again. If you (Gentiles) were cut out of the wild olive tree and grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these (the Jews), which are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree? I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery so you will not be wise in your own conceits. A partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in and so all Israel will be saved. As it is written, "There will come out of Zion the Deliverer and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob (Israel). This is My (eternal) covenant to them (all Jewish people), when I will take away their sins." Concerning the Gospel, the Jews are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election (by God), the Jews are beloved for the Fathers' sake, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable' (Romans 11:1, 2, 11 to 29).

These verses make God's attitude very clear. Gentiles must not boast nor think of themselves superior to Jews in any way. The calling of God is eternal. He has eternally chosen the Jewish people to be His own personal object of His love. 'You (all Jewish people) are a holy people to the Lord your God. Your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession above all peoples who are on the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love on you and choose you because you were more in number than any people, for you were the fewest of all peoples. The Lord chose you because He loves you and because He would keep the promise He swore to your forefathers' (Deuteronomy 7:6 to 8).

Jews and Christians, according to scripture, should be in complete harmony with one another because Jesus has removed the hostilities between the two groups. Jews and Gentiles together, are currently creating one holy Body of people. 'You (Gentiles) were separate from the Messiah, alienated from the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope without God in the world, but now in Jesus, you who were once far off are made near in the blood of Jesus. He is our peace Who made both (Jews and Gentiles) one Body and broke down the partition, having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances so He might create in Himself one new man of the two, making peace and to reconcile them both in one Body to God through the cross, having killed the hostility' (Ephesians 2:12 to 16).

The early church started off as extension of Judaism. Originally, Jesus called His new Body, the church, The Assembly. 'I (Jesus) tell you Peter, on this Rock (Jesus) I will build My assembly and the gates of hell will not prevail against it' (Matthew 16:18). The early church was also called The Way after Jesus declared, "I Am the Truth, the Life and The Way" (John 14:6). 'About that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way' (Acts 19:23). All the people who attended the assemblies were called believers, not Christians. 'More believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women' (Acts 5:14). They were initially Jewish but after a few years, Paul and Barnabas went away to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. 'As the apostles served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for Me, for the work to which I have called them." ... Behold, we turn to the Gentiles, for the Lord commanded us saying, "I have set you as a light for the Gentiles so you should bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth." As the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the Word of God. As many as were appointed to eternal life believed' (Acts 13:2, 46 to 48). In the early days, all believers, Jews and Gentiles alike, met in synagogues. 'When the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged for these words to be preached to them the next Sabbath ... The next Sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the Word of God' (Acts 13:42 & 44). At that time, the Jews and Gentiles who attended the assemblies followed the teachings, feasts, celebrations and Godly attitudes of Israel. Very slowly, anti-Semitism crept into the church and Jews were persecuted out of the church. Then lies were told about the Jewish people and they were persecuted by Christians as much as non-believers. The truth of the scriptures tell us, we are to be one in unity with the Jews and we will be judged according to our attitude to the Jews and Israel, and how we treat them. We are to support them, help them when necessary and not decry or persecute them. When we treat the Jews

kindly, Jesus considers that as treating Him kindly. If we treat the Jews in a negative way, Jesus considers that as treating Him negatively. 'King Jesus will say to them, "Truly I tell you, inasmuch as you did good to one of the least of these My brothers (the Jews), you did it for Me." Then He will say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for inasmuch as you did not do good to one of the least of these, you did not do it for Me"' (Matthew 25:40, 41 & 45).

These scriptures make it clear. If we bless the Jews, we are blessed. If we persecute the Jews, we are cursed as promised to Abraham. That brings us to the topic about the abhorrent form of 'Christianity' called Christian Palestinianism. We must make a clear distinction here: This Bible study is not about genuine Christian believers who love Jesus and obey the Lord God, who read the Bible, who happen to live around Israel or surrounding areas, and who live as Palestinians. This Bible study is about a twisted form of Christianity that is strongly against Israel and is called Christian Palestinianism. Their doctrine is a very askew interpretation of the scriptures. Christian Palestinianism is actually a twisted form of Zionism. They believe 10 fundamental doctrinal errors. (1) They believe the Bible is a Greco/Christian book, not the Jewish Word of God written as inspired by the God of the Jews. (2) They believe the church has replaced Israel as a people, but as the opening passage of scripture shows us, God has not eternally rejected the Jews and we are to be as one new man or one Body of believers. (3) They believe the land of Israel should be called Palestine but the Bible calls the land, Israel. (4) They resent memories of the holocaust and do not honour those who died. Some go so far as denying the holocaust happened. (5) They see 14 May 1948 as a catastrophe not a miracle and fulfilled prophecy. (6) They believe the State of Israel is illegitimate, not scripturally prophetic. (7) They believe all Israeli Jews are occupiers not legally living in their own land, and they do not believe anyone should adhere to the promises given to Abraham. (8) They believe Bible prophecy is a moral manifesto not genuine prophecy as spoken by God. (9) They do not accept Yeshua (Jesus) was a Jewish Man born in Israel Who lived within the Jewish culture and spoke Hebrew. They foolishly portray Him as a Palestinian born under Roman occupation, a refugee in occupied land. (10) They say Jesus was the first 'Palestinian' tortured and martyred for His faith in that land, and Jesus and His mother Mary were perfect Palestinians. Their belief regarding the last two points are ridiculous because Israel was not called Palestine until 130 AD – about one hundred years after Jesus died.

The early Christians accepted Christianity as an extension of Judaism not as a separate religion. They celebrated Passover and the other Jewish feasts every year alongside the Jewish people. Islam did not exist until about 500 AD. Christian Palestinianism is an inter-faith religious movement within the modern carnal church to try to bring the church and Islam together, instead of trying to bring Jews and Christians together. Christian Palestinians condemn genuine Bible-believing Christians who stand on the Word of God to support the Jews' return to Israel and the Jewish State of Israel. Christian Palestinians believe the desire Jewish people have to keep their race pure by only marrying other Jews is a form of racism. They also believe Zionism is racism because there are many genuine Christians who believe Jews should be able to live in their own land. Christian Palestinians go so far as to claim Israel is apartheid because they have been forced to build walls to protect themselves from marauding extremists, thus separating Jews from violent killers. They scoff at those who quote the Bible prophecies regarding Israel.

The underlying theology of Christian Palestinianism is they do not believe Jews are God's chosen people and call them, 'The people formerly chosen by God'. They believe God is equally interested in all nations and religions, which in essence is true, but His heart is still towards the Jews. Christian Palestinians say Jews are no longer significant as His first choice. They deny Jews were given Israel as an everlasting promise with an everlasting covenant and believe the Jews have been eternally rejected. They deny God's love for Jerusalem, Israel and the Jewish people is an everlasting, eternal love. Christian Palestinians say the New Testament writers were not looking to a fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies of a return to, and the restoration of the land of Israel. That is a twisted truth because at the time the New Testament was written, the Jews were still living and thriving in Israel, but the Christian Palestinians have twisted that fact to 'prove' their own theory.

Christian Palestinians believe Jesus was the only fulfilment and they believe He rejected the Jews because they rejected Him. Christian Palestinians have changed the phrase 'Replacement Theology' to 'Fulfilment Theology' but it is still the same thing. Yes, through Jesus the promises and prophecies regarding salvation to all mankind were fulfilled, but Jesus did not fulfil all the promises and prophecies regarding Jerusalem and the land of Israel. Israel will one day be the chief among all nations with Jerusalem as its capital. Any prophecy or passage of scripture that sets Israel apart for a glorious future is re-interpreted by the Christian Palestinians, or as they call it – de-Zionised.

Christian Palestinianism is rooted in Calvinism, Augustinianism, Lutheranism and Amillennialism. Couple their erroneous doctrine with the apostate Emerging Church and futurist dispensationalists who say the promises to Jerusalem, Israel and Zion have all been transferred to the modern church, and we have a huge band of anti-Semitic 'Christians'. Christian Palestinianism is a political propaganda machine. Their leaders are writing numerous books to get their misguided message across. They think all genuine believers want, is Armageddon and the second coming of Jesus. They cannot understand the concept of the holy Kingdom of God that was ushered in by Jesus, taken up by the apostles, and is something all genuine, committed, Bible-believing, Holy Spirit-filled believers are looking forward to with eagerness.

Christian Palestinians, who call themselves 'Christians', are calling for boycotts on Israeli products, divestment and sanctions against Israel in attempt to destroy the nation. They do not show the Godly love Jesus said we should have for our fellow man. When the Christian Palestinian church are calling for these things, we know they have a serious problem. The so-called 'Christian' Nazi's under the rulership of 'Christian' Hitler did the same thing in 1933 and we know that progressed to the holocaust, all done in the name of the Lord Jesus. How could such wickedness be done in the name of the Lord? Yet such wickedness was enacted then and is once again, and it is being sanctioned by Christian Palestinians. The Bible says, 'That which has passed is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. There is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, "Behold, is this new?" No, it was done long ago in the time which was before us' (Ecclesiastes 1:9 & 10). Have the Christian Palestinians, especially the older ones, learned nothing from the horrors of the Second World War? We are indeed, in a very dark period of time. Christian Palestinians are on a collision course with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They are forging an unholy alliance with Islam and are on their campaign trail. They are an obstacle to the second coming of Jesus.

Christian Palestinians are hypocrites and mockers of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. They distort the truth of the Word of God. They are following the teachings of an anti-Semitic and antichrist spirit. What they are doing has nothing to do with the true reason Jesus came and shed His blood, thus opening the way of salvation to all people who believe in Him. Their 'Christianity' is found to be lacking in commitment to Jesus and the truth of the Gospel as He brought it to us, with miracles and signs following. Those Christian Palestinians who know Jesus as their Saviour must come out from among them so they do not share in the sins and the plagues of the erroneous churches. You are not genuine Christians if you continue to support Christian Palestinians. We need to stand up for righteousness and to honour the name of the Lord Jesus our Messiah, not denigrate His people whom He dearly loves. It does not matter how powerful the Christian Palestinians cultish behaviour is, we must stand against it in Jesus' name. It is very sinister and is not of the Lord and will not ultimately succeed, but is currently having a devastating effect on the church – leading many astray. Christian Palestinians say the struggle is not with Israel's borders but with Israel's existence. To the Christian Palestinians, peace in Israel means the destruction of Israel and the Jewish nation. There never was a Palestinian people – no Palestinian people, land, language, culture, religion or economy. It has all been made up in an attempt to destroy Israel. The people who claim to be Palestinians are in fact Arabs by birth, religion, culture, language and economy. The land was called Canaan, then it was called Israel. The Romans renamed the area Palestine in 130 AD after the Jews' enemy the Philistines, in an attempt to erase the name of Israel from the memory of mankind as it was prophesied in Psalm 83:4. The land was named Palestina after the Philistines – a terribly wicked people, so evil the Lord God has wiped them off the earth. The people who claim to be Palestinians ought to be ashamed of that connection – not proud of it. In the past 2,000 years, the area was governed by several different rulers, all Gentiles, until the Lord gave Israel back to the Jews then they named it Israel once again, and it will never again be taken from them.

The current peace process is fraught with problems and it is impossible for Jerusalem to know peace from hostility while their nearest neighbours are determined to destroy Israel. The Christian Palestinianism myth does not help the situation but exacerbates it. The worldly ungodly media is filled with misinformation, anti-Semitism and propaganda. There are well known pastors who agree with the concept of Christian Palestinianism. They preach the Gospel in their own churches but they need to remember what the scriptures say. "I beat my body and bring it into submission for fear, lest after I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected" (1 Corinthians 9:27). If any pastor preaches against Israel, on Judgement Day they could be found unworthy to enter the Kingdom of God and could be rejected.

Jerusalem is mentioned in the Bible 771 times. Israel is mentioned 2,316 times. Jerusalem and Israel play a vital role in world history and future destiny of the earth. Many prophecies regarding Jerusalem and Israel have been fulfilled and others are yet to be fulfilled. Some prophecies have been fulfilled two or three times already and could be fulfilled again. Psalm 83, Zechariah chapters 12 to 14 and Joel chapters 2 & 3 are all

prophecies that have been fulfilled, yet may well be fulfilled again. Only the prophecies spoken by Jesus Himself are one-off prophecies.

What should the genuine, dedicated, committed Christians do about the Christian Palestinianism? We must stand up for righteousness. We need to stand with His love, compassion, grace, truth and in the glory and honour of His name. Even God's elect can be deceived (Mark 13:22) as the Christian Palestinians are. We need to pray for these people who are deceived and who are deceiving others. Pray the Lord will convict them of their sin and wickedness and wrong theology. We need to pray the Lord will open their spiritually blind eyes and soften their hearts. Pray for the people who are caught up with the Replacement Theology, amillennial, Calvinistic beliefs who are seeking to harm Israel and the Lord's people, the Jews. Feeling indignant and angry will do no good. Remember, Saul of Tarsus was a deeply religious Jew but was hopelessly in error before he met the Lord. If the Lord could turn Saul around, He can turn the Christian Palestinians around too so they will bless Israel and not seek their harm.

"I (God) will bless those who bless you (the descendents of Abraham) and I will curse those who curse you" (Genesis 12:3). "Cursed be everyone who curses you. Blessed be everyone who blesses you" (Genesis 27:29). 'Joshua read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse according to all that is written in the book of the law' (Joshua 8:34).

Amen and God bless you.

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