

## *What Christian Israelites Believe ...*

### **1. About the Faith of the Church**

Christian Israelites follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, who we believe to be the divine Son of God and the Messiah. We believe that it is through Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection that we are made right with God and receive the salvation of our souls. This means that our souls can be cleansed of evil, made holy, and thereby reside with the holy God in heaven after death. The salvation of the soul is received by grace and cannot be earned through good works:

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9.

Christian Israelites also believe in honouring Old Testament commandments, as Jesus stated:

“Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:17-19.

“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?” John 5:46-47.

Christian Israelites follow both as they seek not only the salvation of the soul (through grace), but also the salvation of the body (through obeying God's laws and commandments). We believe that following the teachings of both the Old and New Testaments allows God to remove the evil from our flesh:

“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.” Galatians 5:24.

“Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.” Isaiah 6:6-7.

“The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.” Zephaniah 3:15.

“For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.” Joel 3:21.

“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” Galatians 6:8.

By removing the evil from the body through following God’s Word, we believe that our physical bodies can be changed to be like Jesus Christ’s glorious body after he was resurrected from the dead. That is, that our bodies can be purified and restored to immortality, as man was first created:

“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” 1 Corinthians 15:53-55.

“Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” Philippians 3:21.

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” John 10:27-28.

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul *and* body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (emphasis added).

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” Titus 1:2.

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” Romans 8:11.

We believe that death was never part of God’s plan, but was brought into the world through Satan’s corruption of mankind (see Genesis 3 and *What Christian*

Israelites Believe About Satan). In the Bible, God is frequently referenced as the God of life, whilst Satan is connected to death:

“He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.”  
Mark 12:27.

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10.

Christian Israelites believe that Jesus Christ overcome Satan through his victory over death:

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8.

We believe it is the will and promise of God that the 144,000 referenced in Revelation will not die nor taste of death but, with the help of the Spirit, will also conquer Satan and his evil, and live eternally once Jesus Christ returns:

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred and forty four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins, these are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” Revelation 14:1-4.

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:2.

We believe that the state of being immortal is what the Bible calls the Kingdom of God, which is to be established here on earth:

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.” Daniel 2:44.

“But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, and even for ever and

ever ... And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." Daniel 7:18, 27.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matthew 25:34.

Christian Israelites believe that the 144,000 are the remnant of Israel (10 tribes) and of Judah (two tribes), being 12 tribes altogether (12,000 coming from each tribe):

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinnar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall setup an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Isaiah 11:11-12.

"In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers." Jeremiah 3:18.

"I will surely assemble O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel." Micah 2:12.

"Ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel." Isaiah 27:12.

"Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock." Jeremiah 31:10.

Christian Israelites believe that the Israelites were God's chosen people and that he will honour the promises he made to them:

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house

of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jeremiah 31:31-33.

We believe that saving the remnant of Israel was Jesus’ initial mission:

“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Matthew 10:5-6.

We believe that faith and works are therefore both important in seeking salvation of both the soul and body, as James taught:

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works ... But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without the works is dead also.” James 2:17-18, 20-26.

Christian Israelites believe that it is keeping the commands of God and the faith of Jesus Christ that is the way of righteousness, leading us to everlasting life:

“In the way of righteousness is life: and in the pathway thereof there is no death.” Proverbs 12:28.

“He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.” Proverbs 21:21.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, *and* have the testimony of Jesus.” Revelation 12:17 (emphasis added).

“If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.”  
Matthew 19:17.

We believe that this will therefore lead us to become the children of God:

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:15-17.

“Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises.” Romans 9:4.

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, *when he shall appear, we shall be like him*; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” 1 John 3:1-3 (emphasis added).

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.