

## *What Christian Israelites Believe ...*

### **2. About the Mission of the Christian Israelite Church**

We believe that Jesus Christ had a twofold mission in that he came as “a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel” (Luke 2:32). In Matthew 10:5-6, Jesus instructs his twelve disciples to “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”. It was only after his resurrection that he gave the disciples further instructions to go into all nations. In so doing, they lay the foundations of the Christian church:

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”  
Matthew 28:18-20.

This time they had a new message: a call to repentance and baptism by water in Jesus’ name, for the remission of sins and the salvation of all souls through grace, which is given through the kindness and love of God:

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 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 2:4-9.

“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:9.

It was for the Gentiles’ sake that the law was nailed to the cross, and an easier path to salvation opened up to them. That is, to have their souls saved through repentance rather than by following the law, with their souls raised at the first resurrection:

“There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another ... So also is the resurrection of the dead; it is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption ... It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There

is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”  
1 Corinthians 15:40, 42, 44.

[*Terrestrial body*: Life on earth without death, having a physical, living body, i.e., to be immortal. *Celestial body*: Life after death, dwelling in heaven, having a spiritual, intangible body without physical substance.]

Those who are unrepentant, however, are returned to the grave for one thousand years, and raised a second time at the second or final resurrection:

“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” Daniel 12:2.

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” John 5:28-29.

“But the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Revelation 21:8.

Most Christian churches have a strong mission to spread the gospel throughout all nations so that all souls may know Jesus Christ and be saved from damnation. The Christian Israelite Church recognises the importance and validity of this mission but does not take part in it directly. This is because the Christian Israelite Church is seeking for life without death, believing in God’s promise to the lost sheep of Israel, of whom a remnant (144,000) will have both their souls and bodies saved [see *What Christian Israelites Believe About the Faith of the Church* for more details]:

“And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” Revelation 7:4.

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and 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 a 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 firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”  
Revelation 14:1-5.

We therefore believe that our mission is to preach the promises of God to Israel concerning the immortal life of our mortal bodies (a life without death) so that Israel may be gathered, and to uphold God’s commandments from both the Old and New Testaments so that the evil within our flesh withers and we go onto perfection, as Jesus Christ was. However, we ultimately believe that God will, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost, do the work of gathering Israel from the world:

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.” John 6:44.

“He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.” Jeremiah 31:10.

We believe that it is our job to sow the seed (the Word of God) and that it is God who waters the seed to bring Israel to their inheritance. As such, the Christian Israelite Church doesn’t partake in active missionary work to save souls, but focuses on teaching the promises God made to Israel with the view of saving both the soul and the body.