

## Bible Study: Who Are the True Israel?

1. Upon whom was the name Israel first bestowed? Genesis 32:28
2. Afterward who came to be called by this title? Exodus 1:1-5
3. What special blessings were conferred on the children of Israel? Romans 9:3-5
4. Who constitute the true Israel? Romans 9:6-8
5. What did John the Baptist say to the Pharisees and Sadducees who came for baptism? Matthew 3:7-9
6. What determines whether one is a child of Abraham? Galatians 3:6-9
7. To whom must one belong in order to a Child of Abraham? Galatians 3:26-29
8. What does Galatians say Christians are called? Galatians 6:15, 16
9. To whom is the Gospel of salvation from sin preached? Romans 1:16
10. When the Jews rejected Paul's preaching of the Gospel, what did he say? Acts 13:40-48
11. What symbol was used to represent that Gentiles are part of true Israel? Romans 11:13-21
12. How are God's remnant people described? Revelation 14:12; cf. Revelation 12:17

"The sum of the whole matter is this: If, instead of thinking ourselves so powerful that *we* can do the law, we will allow the Holy Spirit to come in that we may be filled with the righteousness of the law, we will have living hope dwelling in us. The hope of the Spirit—the hope of righteousness by faith—has no element of uncertainty in it. It is positive assurance. In nothing else is there any hope. He who does not have 'the righteousness which is of God by faith' has no hope whatever. Only Christ in us is 'the hope of glory.' Since the faith of Christ alone can keep the righteousness of the law, there is no chance for us to tell what *we* have done. Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and there is no stumbling in Him. The perfection of the law is in Him for His life is the law."

*Glad Tidings*, pp 112, 113.

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# Bread from on High

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## Christ Our Righteousness A.J. Jones, February 27, 1893

So then the man who claims to believe in Jesus and claims the righteousness of God which comes to the believer in Jesus, is his *claiming* it enough? Is our *word* in regard to it enough?

Well, they will say—and there are lots of them that will say it—"Why yes, we believe in the Saviour. I have a right to claim the righteousness that He has, the perfect holiness and perfect sanctification." They make the claim, "I have not sinned for ten years and am even above all temptation, and I know it."

Ask them: How do you know it? "Why, I feel it in my heart. I feel it in my heart and have for several years." Well, that is not evidence at all, for "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Is the heart actually deceitful above all things? God says so, whether we can understand it or not. It is more deceitful than Satan himself. My own heart will deceive me quicker and more often than Satan will.

Well then, when that person feels something in his heart, is that a good kind of evidence? When my heart says that I am good, then what is it doing? It is deceiving me. Solomon said, "He that trusteth his own heart is a fool." And he is not only a fool, but he is *fooled* in this thing, is he not? Therefore,

we cannot afford to trust such a thing as feeling on such an important question.

No, sir. We need better evidence than a man's heart that he has got the righteousness of God, and that he is all right and is fit for the judgment and that he has not sinned for ten years, holy and sanctified and above temptation, etc., etc, as he might claim. We need better evidence than his statement of how he feels in his heart.

And the fact of the matter is, Jesus was here in this world for 33 years and He never was above temptations while He was on this earth, and Christians are not, either, while they live in this world of sin and corruption.

Then what a man says is not enough evidence. We want something more than that. And if that person who claims to have the righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ has only his own feelings for a witness, and his testimony can go no farther than that, then what is his claim worth! Just nothing at all; it is a deceptive claim. He can gain nothing by his feelings.

But the Lord has not left us in this condition. When we want to know that these things are so in our experience we are not to look within ourselves to find out whether it is so, but



to look at what God says to see whether it is so.

When we have found Jesus Christ, then the Lord does not want us to look within to see whether He is there. We are to look to the Author and Finisher of our faith for our assurance. He has furnished us witnesses, whose testimony will tell us all the time that He is there and these will tell everybody else that He is there in our hearts.

When the heart is submitted to God, then the righteousness of God will be manifested in us. Righteousness comes by the faith of Jesus Christ and when it is come into our hearts it is attested by the law of God worked out in our characters.

Then the purpose of the law is, first, to bring us unto Christ, and after it has led us to Christ and we have found Him, then it witnesses that His righteousness is there. Law is

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to give us the knowledge of sin, and to witness to the righteousness of God which is by faith.

Well then, anybody who at any time uses the law of God for any other purpose than these two purposes, what is He doing with the law of God? He is perverting the whole law. He is using it for purposes that God never intended at all. So then, though a man or an angel use the law of God in any other way or for any other purpose than those two things, He has perverted the law of God.

Where do the Scriptures say our righteousness from? "Their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord." 2 Corinthians 4:6. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Where do we find the knowledge of the glory of God? In the face of Jesus Christ.

Now 2 Corinthians 3:18. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Then what is it that we see in the face of Jesus Christ? The glory of the Lord. What is the glory of the Lord? We have read it here, we have been told here, by the

Spirit of God, that the message of the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ, is the beginning of the glory that is to lighten the whole earth. "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with His glory" (Revelation 18:1).

Then what is the glory of God? His righteousness; His character. Where do we find it? In Jesus Christ. There is the glory of God revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. That is where we look for it, in the face of Jesus Christ. There "we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory," from righteousness in Him to His righteousness in us, from character to character, from goodness to goodness, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Then don't you see how the righteousness of God and the Holy Spirit go hand in hand? Don't you see that when we obtain the righteousness which is by faith of Jesus Christ, that then the Holy Spirit cannot be kept away from us. You cannot separate the two. They belong together. Then when we have His righteousness and know that we have it by faith in His word, then He says we have a right to ask for

the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and to receive it from Him.

Why, let's look at it. Galatians 4:5: He came "to redeem them that were under [the condemnation of] the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts." He sends it. He does not want to hold it back. He sends it into the heart. It is a free gift.

Don't you see that it is impossible to keep the righteousness of God and the Holy Spirit separate? So then, we're "changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." And when the image of God in Jesus Christ is found in us, what then? There is the impress, or the seal of God found upon us.

When by looking into the face of Jesus Christ, and there alone, having received the righteousness of God which is by faith in Him and looking ever into His glorious face that reflects the glory of God, the effect of that is to perfect the image of God and restore it in us, by the working of the Spirit of God upon the soul. And when that is done, then the same Spirit of God is there to affix the seal of the living God, the eternal impress of His own image, upon our characters. ☞

## Gift of the Latter Rain

Millions of people around the world are longing for the second coming of Christ. They realize that this world is like the Titanic facing an iceberg. "Lord, save us!" is the cry of many. But few realize what must happen before Christ can return. Jesus' words in Matthew 24:14 remind us that God is fair and merciful; it would not be just for Jesus to return until all have had the privilege of hearing the gospel message that alone can prepare them for His coming: "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." And Revelation 14:6-12 tells of three angels who proclaim the "everlasting gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people," symbolizing the work of the church to whom Christ has entrusted the mission of proclaiming the

Good News of His salvation. Revelation 18 describes the work of "another angel," a fourth, who joins the three with "great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory" (vs. 1). Then will come the final warning, the final proclamation of the gospel that will make possible a final judgment, so that Jesus can return. But before the church can be empowered to proclaim such a message, there must come the blessing of the latter rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit ("and when He has come, He will convict the world of sin," John 16:8). He will give the final gift of repentance. Are we concerned for the promised gift of the latter rain?

☞ Robert J. Wieland

## Penne with Squash and Greens



### Penne with Squash and Greens

443 calories; 11 g fat; 9 mg cholesterol; 67 g carbohydrates; 19 g protein; 14 g fiber; 707 mg sodium; 281 mg potassium.

- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
  - 4 ounces cubed smoked tofu
  - 1 medium onion, chopped
  - 3 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 1/2 cups vegetable broth
  - 3 cups butternut squash, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
  - 1 small bunch chopped kale, stems removed
  - 8 ounces whole-wheat penne or fusilli
  - 1/4 tsp. salt
  - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  - 8 oz. whole wheat fettuccine
1. Put a large pot of water on to boil for cooking pasta. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add tofu and cook, stirring, until lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Add onion to the pan; cook, stirring often, until softened and golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Return the tofu to the pan and add broth and squash; bring to a simmer. Cover and cook for 10 minutes. Add kale and stir to immerse. Cover and cook until the squash and kale are tender, about 5 minutes.
  2. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and return to the pot. Add the squash mixture, Parmesan, salt and toss to coat.

Makes 4 servings

## Carb Confusion?

**Carbohydrates, or "carbs" for short,** play a significant role in many healthy diets. For example, carb-rich whole grains, fruits, and vegetables are at the core of the much talked about Mediterranean and DASH diets that are considered "heart-healthy."

But some modern diets cast carbohydrates as villains, warning that we need to stay away from them. This claim causes a lot of confusion about what we should eat, so that people are unsure if certain ordinary foods are dangerous to their health.

What is a "carb"? Sugars from all sources, starches and fibers are all "carbs." The body converts carbohydrates from these sources into energy that fuels the brain, nervous system, and the muscles. Carbohydrates are the primary source of the body's physical and mental energy. Without them we don't function very well.

Carbs are found in plant-based foods and unprocessed forms are the healthiest. We should consume a diet rich in whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, and plenty of legumes such as dried beans or peas. These foods are loaded with vitamins, minerals, fiber, and phytonutrients that keep us healthy and help the body fight disease.

Fiber in particular can help stabilize blood sugar, lower cholesterol, improve bowel function, manage hunger and satiety, and promote weight loss. Fiber is only found in plant sources; no animal food product contains fiber.

However, processed carbohydrates found in sugary drinks, chips, donuts and other pastries and cookies, white bread and "whole wheat" bread that is made mostly from white flour (read the

label), are unhealthy foods. Processed carbs are unhealthy because they have had their fiber removed in the processing, and have excessive fats and sugar added for flavor. Sugar-sweetened beverages cause unhealthy blood sugar spikes, and are strongly associated with weight gain, increased risk of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes.

As with any type of food, excessive carbs can lead to weight gain. But any type of food in excess of your energy expenditure, whether from fats, proteins or carbohydrates will add pounds to your middle. Your diet should consist of 65% complex carbohydrates, those with their natural fibers intact (whole grains, whole fruits and vegetables). ☞

### Did You Know?

Many products on the supermarket shelves have "free from" claims on their label, trying to convince customers that they need to avoid the missing ingredient. The current major advertizing claim is "gluten free" and this shows up on labels of foods that never had gluten in them to begin with, like beets and bananas. Researchers conducted a test to see if people would more often eat a product with "free from" labeling, even if the ingredient was a fictional one. They labeled crackers "MUI free" and found that 26% of the test participants chose that product just because of the label's claim.