



Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

Whose Witness Shapes My Truth?

As a believer guided by the Holy Spirit what do we do when we disagree on matters of theology?

Truth can be divided into three areas:

- A. Essential truth – central to our faith as Christians:
 - A. Deity of Jesus
 - B. The Trinity
 - C. The resurrection of Jesus.
- B. Secondary truth – matters of doctrine/denominations.
 - A. Mode of baptism – immersion vs sprinkling
 - B. Day of worship.
- C. Other truth – “Tertiary” areas.
 - A. Timing of Christ’s return, pre-trib, mid-trib, amillennial
 - B. Replacement Theology
 - C. Role of women in the church

- In part - Al Mohler, [A Call for Theological Triage and Christian Maturity - AlbertMohler.com](http://AlbertMohler.com)



- *What is “Replacement Theology”?*

- A. *Replacement theology:*

1. *The Church has replaced Israel in God’s plan.*
2. *Christianity is the “New Israel.”*
3. *National/ethnic Israel has no part in God’s future plan.*
4. *The identity of God’s people is shifted from Israel to Christianity.*

- B. *Why does it matter?*

- *Gen 12:3 And I will **bless those who bless you**, And the one **who curses you I will curse**. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*





1. *The Jews rejected Jesus as Messiah (John 1:11). Does this mean that God has rejected them? If so, then does this mean the Christianity has replaced them? Is the Church the “New Israel”?*
- *Jn. 1:11-13 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (NAU)*
- *How do we explain the Jews who have come to Christ since the time of Christ?*
 - *“Messianic Jews” is the term used for Jewish people who believe Jesus (Yeshua) is the Messiah while retaining their Jewish identity and practices.*



2. *God's covenant with Israel is based upon the covenant He made with Abraham. It is an unconditional, everlasting covenant (unlike the Mosaic covenant of the law); a preview of the New Covenant.*

- *Gen 15 – an unconditional, one-sided covenant that God authenticated Himself. Covenant apart from works but just because God chose.*
- *Gen. 17:7 I will establish My covenant between Me and you [Abraham] and **your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, ...***
- *Lev. 26:44-45 'Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, **I will not reject them**, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. 45 '**But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors**, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the LORD.'*

Jacob's Well
1839 Picture



3. *If God has rejected Israel as His chosen people, and replaced Israel with Christianity, how do we explain these passages? Christianity is God's redemption of Israel's rejection of Christ.*

- *Rom. 11:1-2 I say then, **God has not rejected His people, has He?** May it **never be!** For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.² **God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.** ... (NAU)*
- *Rom. 11:17-18 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were **grafted in** among them and **became partaker with them** of the rich root of the olive tree,¹⁸ **do not be arrogant** toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.*



Messianic Jews are the “remnant” that is the evidence that God has rejected His people. In God’s time, all Jews will be saved, not just the remnant (Messianic Jews)!

- *Rom. 9:27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, **IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED**;*
- *Rom. 11:5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice. (NAU)*
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- *Rom. 11:25-29 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery-- so that you will not be wise in your own estimation-- that a **partial hardening** has happened to Israel until the **fullness of the Gentiles** has come in;²⁶ and **so all Israel will be saved**;"²⁷ **"THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."**²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of **God's choice** they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;²⁹ for the **gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.***
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