Who Are The True Citizens of Israel? Those in Christ Jesus!



Ephesians 2:11 ¶Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

- 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens (foreigners) from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers (foreigners) from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- 13 But **now in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are *made nigh* by **the blood of Christ**.
- 14 ¶For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
- 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- 19 Now therefore ye (the Gentiles) are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of the household of God:

Who are the saints?

Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be

saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:2 Unto the church of God which is **at Corinth**, **to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus**, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

The saints are those people who are sanctified in Christ Jesus be they Jews or Gentiles!

The Bible clearly tells me that only those in Christ Jesus are the citizens of Israel. Israel was always a spiritual entity, not just physical. In the Old Testament, people who were not Hebrews became citizens of Israel. Examples: Rahab the harlot, Ruth the Moabitess, and a soldier in King David's army who was Bathesha's husband, Uriah the Hittite. Hittites were one of the original inhabitants of Canaan. The Old Covenant ended when Jesus was crucified on the cross of Calvary. The Book of Hebrews chapter 8 says so unequivocally!

Hebrews 8:6 ¶But now hath he (Christ Jesus) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a **better covenant**, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Hebrews 8:13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

God no longer looks at who your ancestors are.

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.