

What is Christianity Really About? Romans Chapter 10-11

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
Romans 1:18

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
Romans 3:20

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
Romans 3:21-24

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1

Is God finished with His plan for Israel?

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Comparison of Theological Tenets

Covenant

Dispensational

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| • God has one people: OT and NT compose the body of Christ | • God has two people: Israel in OT and the Church in NT |
| • God has one plan: throughout all the OT and NT ages | • God has two separate plans: one for Israel; another for the Church |
| • Salvation: one plan of grace throughout history since the fall | • Salvation: early view had two plans & modern view is by faith in Christ |
| • Eternity: all who make up the body of Christ will be together in one place in His presence | • Eternity: Church rules w/ Christ in the New Jerusalem; while Israel is head of the nations |
| • The Church: includes all redeemed people since the fall | • The Church: born day of Pentecost; OT saints not in the body of Christ |
| • Christ: offered a spiritual kingdom and not an earthly one | • Christ: offered real kingdom to Jews; kingdom postponed until Millennium |

A Summary of Covenantal and Dispensational Theology

Discussion:

1. Summarize the Gospel in your own words.
2. Most Christians feel a kinship with the Jewish people. What might be some reasons for this sense of relatedness?
3. In your opinion, how involved should the church of today be in the welfare of the Jewish people?
4. In chapters 10 and 11, Paul describes one plan of God that involves the Gentiles(us) joining the “chosen people.” How does this fulfill God’s promise to Abraham that he would be a blessing to *all* the nations?