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Defining True Israel

For no one is a **Jew** who is merely one outwardly, nor is **circumcision** outward and physical. But a **Jew** is one inwardly, and **circumcision** is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. **Romans 2:28-29**

For not all who are **descended** from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are **children of Abraham** because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” **This means** that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. **Romans 9:6-8**

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved,” **Romans 9:27**

Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. **Romans 10:1-4**

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the **same Lord** is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **Romans 10:11-13**

God Accepts Everyone

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a **descendant** of Abraham, a **member** of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and **I alone am left**, and they seek my life.” But what is God’s reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too at the present time there is **a remnant**, chosen by **grace**. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 11: 1-6

There is neither **Jew** nor **Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise. **Galatians 3:28-29**

Olive Branches

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” That is true. They were broken off because of their **unbelief**, but you stand fast through **faith**. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you... And even they, if they do not continue in their **unbelief**, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be **grafted back** into their own olive tree.

Romans 11:17-24

The church does not replace Israel,
the church is the continuation of TRUE Israel.

All Israel Saved

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

Romans 11:25-27