

If The Jews Had Accepted Jesus

by David Padfield

Modern premillennial theory insists God had not anticipated the rejection of Jesus by the Jews. They often think that God was shocked when Jesus 'came to His own, and His own did not receive Him' (John 1:11). They also teach that one day Christ will return to this earth and the Jews will then accept Him as their Messiah. The Bible teaches that the Father in heaven knew all along how the Jews would react to His Son Jesus. God had planned the time perfectly and "when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4).

Have you ever considered what would have happened if the Jews had accepted Jesus as their Savior and King? Let's look at the consequences:

First, there would have been no crucifixion, and hence no shedding of blood. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). However, Jesus spent His entire earthly life preparing for the cross. "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." This He said, signifying by what death He would die." (John 12:23-33).

Second, since there would have been no shedding of blood, there could be no remission of sins. "And according to the law almost all things are purged with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). On the night in which He was betrayed, as He instituted the Lord's Supper, Jesus said, "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matt. 26:28).

Third, the church would have never been established, since it was purchased with the precious blood of Christ. When Paul addressed the elders from Ephesus, he admonished them "to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). The church is composed of saved people. In the New Testament, "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

Fourth, if the Jews had accepted Christ as their Messiah, there would be no gospel, since the foundation of it is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:3-4). This "message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18).

Premillennialists usually have very little use for the gospel of Christ—they look upon it with contempt, however, "it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe." (1 Cor. 1:21). Do you believe in the power of the gospel?



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today's Sermon: TBA

Scripture Reading: TBA

Steve will be preaching today.

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm October 11, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 6th chapter on O (obey).
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – November 19. We will cancel potluck for this month.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, October 10.** We will continue with the study of Hosea.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing** – October 29, at Wellsboro.



Have a happy long weekend tomorrow in honor of Columbus Day and Indigenous People Day. It's also Thanksgiving in Canada.

Darlene will be having a book signing on Saturday from 10am to 2pm at God's Promise Bookstore in Athens, PA. She will have copies of her autobiography My Life Story, God's Way as well as her Grey Cascade trilogy.



Enjoy the fall weather!

PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Charlie Knobbs**, Jackie's brother-in-law who just lost his wife Nancy. He is recovering from a bad case of covid which put him in the hospital with a possible pulmonary embolism.
 - **Prayers of thanksgiving and praise that Steve and Arthur were able to help Ruthie repair her front door and the threshold area of her floor as you enter the house. More work needs to be done to get the place ready for cold weather, so pray that we can get that done to help our sister Ruthie.**
 - **Darlene** will be having an upper endoscopy with chip on Friday, November 17.
 - **Sue Barry** has returned to using chemo meds because her tumor marker numbers have risen. Pray that she does not develop new tumors and that her red blood cell numbers stay up.
 - **Paulette Frycek's friend Tammy** has recently found out she has cancer in her blood. Pray that it is treatable and not widespread.
 - **Miki's cousin Bobby in FL passed away** peacefully on Tuesday evening. Pray for comfort for his wife **Rosa** and for his children.
 - **Tresa Shirrell's mother, April, is now being placed on hospice because her cancer is spreading rapidly throughout her body. Pray that Tresa is successful in getting her to obey the Gospel.**
 - **Steve's brother-in-law Joe** had been diagnosed with cancerous lesions on his kidney for which he had an operation on Friday. He is home now recovering.
 - **Kathleen** was ill with covid last weekend.
- Continue to pray for these people:**
- **Bob** (Judy Burger's brother)- lung and rectal cancers
 - **Monique (Miki's friend)**- needs repair to pain med pump.
 - **Pat Guthrie**-he has lung cancer, stage 4.
 - **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia,
 - **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, on chemo.
 - **Brian**, who was injured by a falling log,

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.