

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Redemption in Romans – Part 2

Jew and Gentile

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are continuing a fascinating new series on Redemption in Romans. Our topic for this study: Jew and Gentile

New Scripture Song: Romans 8:28, 31-32

Prayer

- 1) Gospel to the Gentiles
 - a) As far as we can tell, the first Christians were all Jews.
 - b) When do we find the first indication that Gentiles are also called to become Christians? Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 9:15; Acts 10:34-48;
 - c) That's good news. How many here are Jewish? I'm sure that there are some people of Jewish heritage who are watching Hope SS, but certainly not the majority. I'm thankful that the Gospel message is for both Jew and Gentile, aren't you?
- 2) Should all Christians, both Jew and Gentile, continue to observe all of the ceremonial laws of the Jewish faith?
 - a) Acts 15:1-29
 - b) This is not talking about how to be saved. The apostle Paul, a devout Jew, boldly declared in Ephesians 2:8-9,"For by grace..."

- c) Someone might ask, "Well what about the Sabbath? Is that part of the Jewish ceremonial law? The Sabbath is not mentioned in Acts 15. Is the Sabbath no longer applicable for Gentile Christians?"
 - d) Exodus 20:8; Genesis 2:1-3
 - e) However, it is important to remind ourselves that Sabbath observance is not a means of salvation. Observance of any law, whether ceremonial or moral law, is never a means of salvation.
 - f) Galatians 2:20-21
- 3) The Galatian Heresy
- a) Galatians 1:1-12
 - b) Why does the apostle Paul react so strongly to this false teaching?
 - c) How can we avoid falling into the Galatian heresy in our own churches?
 - d) How can you share the beauty of obedience to God's commandments, like the Sabbath commandment, in a way that isn't legalistic?
- 4) Discussion questions
- a) What are some burdens that church members might lay on first-time visitors to church that God never intended them to carry?
 - b) Ephesians 2:8-10 Notice we are saved by grace, not by our own works, but we are created for good works. How can I avoid becoming careless in my personal conduct?