

## #24 FORUM POST ON THE SALVATION OF ISRAEL

Dear W\_\_\_\_,

I'll spend a few minutes and answer your questions. Without a full understanding of God's Word, my answers will seem confusing at best. But nonetheless, I believe my answers are the truth of God.

### 1) What did Paul mean by a "partial hardening"?

I read some of the answers to this question and a few people are on the right track but they did not expand on why there is a partial hardening.

God caused the partial hardening of Israel's heart for two primary reasons:

**1Cor 2:6-8** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory...

**1Cor 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

**Reason #1:** If God had not hardened and blinded Israel's heart, they would not have "crucified the Lord of glory" and mankind would not have a Savior.

Scripture is written in Christ's spiritual language so that it conceals the truth of God from all but those whom Christ chooses to reveal it.

**Isa 28: 10-12** For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: **11** For with stammering lips and **ANOTHER TONGUE** will he speak to this people. **12** But the word of the **LORD** was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

**Mat 13:10-11** And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

**1Cor 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

In order to understand Christ's spiritual language, Christ MUST come to us individually and heal our spiritual blindness. This healing happens when Christ comes to us with the Latter Rain of the Spirit (Baptism of the Spirit). It is the same event that happened to the Apostles in the upper

room on the Day of Pentecost and the same event Paul experienced after being in Damascus for three days in which he was blind and in bed.

This is why Christ must heal our blindness:

**Rom 3:10-11 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.**

Because mankind is born spiritually blind and cannot understand God, it is necessary for Christ to come to us and heal our blindness. In this age, Christ is ONLY coming to those who have been chosen from the foundation of the world. They are the Elect, the First-Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind. Christ is not saving anyone else at this time. For this reason, there was only a partial hardening of the heart of Israel. It was for the sake of Israel's Elect (Reason #2).

I'll expand on this in my answers to questions 2 and 3.

2) What did Paul mean by the "fullness of the Gentiles?"

3) In what way "will" all Israel\* be saved?

I will answer both questions in this response. This answer is not as straightforward as my answer to question #1. It takes a fuller understanding of God's Word. Because of this requirement, I will go into more detail in my response so please bear with me.

Christ is mankind's Savior and it is 100% His work to save us.

In our spiritually marred, spiritually blind and carnally minded condition we have from birth, we cannot know God or even have a desire to seek Him out. Mankind is utterly lost and is at the mercy of Christ to save us.

In this present age, He is ONLY saving His Elect, the First-Fruits of His harvest of mankind. He is not going to save anyone else at this time.

To save His Elect, He created a pathway that leads to their salvation. That pathway involves the Early and Latter Rain. For most people in the world, Christ will NOT come to them and call them out from the world. He will leave them to die in their sins. For many though, He will come to them individually and give them the Early Rain of the Spirit. This event is when an unbeliever is called out from the world. At that time, Christ gives them a measure of faith and the Holy Spirit with a limited amount of accompanying spiritual gifts. However, He does not heal their spiritual blindness at this time. Because their blindness remains, they CANNOT understand the truth of scripture. It will remain concealed from them. Because of this truth, Christ said this:

**Mat 12:43-45 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation**

Unclean Spirits represent Satan's false truth. Since we remain spiritually blind after receiving the Early Rain, we cannot replace our worldly false beliefs with God's truth. One Unclean Spirit leaves but comes back with SEVEN more (the spirit of anti-Christ) since our house remains void of God's truth. Now, instead of one Unclean Spirit within us, we now have EIGHT. The number EIGHT spiritually represents a new spiritual condition. Our new spiritual condition is "worse than the first". Paul calls this worsened spiritual condition the Man of Sin.

After the new believer devolves into a Man of Sin, their deadly head wound that came from the sword of Christ is healed. The blow by the sword of Christ slew their carnal nature (Old man) but because of the believer's spiritual blindness and Satan's deceptions, the deadly wound is healed and their Old Man is revived.

**Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**

As a result of the wound's healing, the new believer does NOT come out from the world. They remain in the Seven-Headed Beast of Revelation chapter 13. In case you are unaware, the Beast is a symbol for mankind in our worsened carnal condition. After the deadly head wound is healed, the new believer will fall away and be Broken (**Isa 10:12**) and devolve into a Man of Sin who follows the ways of Satan instead of Christ.

Falling away is the one and only sin that leads to our spiritual death (**1John 5:16**). This sin of falling away is to turn to "works" for our salvation. It happens because our carnal nature prefers "works" over faith (Old Covenant vs. New Covenant):

**Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.**

This sin manifests itself in beliefs like the Doctrine of Free Will and Hell, Tithing, Sabbath Day keeping and/or many other "works" that the new believer readily accepts from the Ministers of Satan (the blind leaders of the church/the blind leading the blind) who lead the church. They are the wolves spoken of by Paul:

**Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

Since the time of the Apostles, the church has fallen prey to Satan and his deceptions and it continues to this day. In all the various 2000 denominations/sects, there is no truth to be found in them. They are unknowingly eating leavened bread:

**Mat 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.**

The sin of falling away happens to everyone after receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit. It even happens to Christ's Elect. From this spiritual death (loss of salvation), we cannot be renewed by repentance.

**Heb 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.**

The Doctrine of Free Will is the most common belief that causes a new believer to fall away. We use this false belief system to justify why unbelievers are worthy of Hell and why we are not. We falsely believe that we are wiser or smarter or simply less evil than those who reject Christ. And because of this belief, we take credit for making the right choice to accept Christ. But in truth, the credit is not ours. It was Christ's work within us (the Early Rain) which caused us to accept Him as Lord. In our spiritually flawed and carnally minded condition we have from birth, no man will even seek to know God (**Rom 3:10-11, Rom 8:7**), much less accept Him as Lord. Christ must come to us and do His work within us BEFORE we will accept Him and have a desire to follow Him. As I said, our salvation is 100% the work of Christ, even the timing of it.

Scripture clearly says that unless Christ comes to us and gives us the Holy Spirit, we cannot call Him Lord.

**1 Cor 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.**

Only after Christ comes to us and gives us the Early Rain of the Spirit will we call Jesus "Lord". Paul's Damascus Road experience is the pattern (type) we must follow in order to be called out from the world. Christ came to Paul on the Damascus Road, uninvited by Paul, and gave Paul the Early Rain. Paul had no choice in the matter as to whether to accept the Spirit or to reject the Spirit. The Spirit was given to Him and after it was, Paul fell to his knees and called Jesus "Lord".

After a new believer has fallen away and is no longer saved, their only hope for salvation is for Christ to come to them a second time with the Latter Rain of the Spirit. Without that appearance, they will die in their sins and receive their portion with the unbelievers.

If the Fallen Away believer is one of the few chosen by Christ, Christ will come to them a second time.

**Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.**

And when Christ comes to them, He brings salvation with Him.

**Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

Just a quick note on this verse above: Christ appeared the first time in the flesh and took away the sins of the world on the cross. When He comes to an unbeliever with the Early Rain, He does not appear to them but remains hidden from their understanding. The Early Rain event is not an

appearance, it is only a visitation. When Christ comes to a Fallen Away believer with the Latter Rain, Christ appears to them. At that time, Christ fully heals their spiritual blindness (**Mark 8:25, Acts 9:18**) and the “brightness of His appearing” (**2Thes 2:8**) will destroy the Man of Sin whom they have become. It is at this moment that a new child of God is born.

This is how Christ saves His Elect, the First-Fruits of His harvest in this age. They are a very small group of blessed individuals. The rest of mankind will have to wait until the final age (the Lake of Fire age) before they receive salvation from Christ.

During the final age, Christ will save all the remaining Gentiles:

**Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

As it says in the verse, this truth is a Mystery (meaning that it is hidden). But once all the Gentiles are brought into the Kingdom of Heaven, then the Nation of Israel will be saved.

**Mat 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.**

The Nation of Israel was first to be called out from the world but they will be last to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But in the end, all who died in Adam, will be made alive in Christ. Then God will be "all in all".

**1 Cor 15:20-28 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**

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