



Week 24: Understanding the New Testament: Good News for All Nations

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ASK: Is Jesus your personal Savior? Is that all He is?

Jesus is each person's personal Savior, but He places us in a body, His bride, the church.

The gospel is good news for EVERYONE

"He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one." (John 11:51-52)

"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2)

With Adam and Eve, the whole world fell into sin. With Jesus, the whole world can be redeemed, restored, saved and made new.

"Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people." (Rom 5:18)

God's plan of redemption has always been global in scope.

God promised Abraham in the OT that ALL the nations of the earth would be blessed.

God's heart has always been for the nations.

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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."" (Luke 19:10)

Acts 10 records the gospel being sent also to the gentiles. Cornelius is saved. Peter goes to his house and shares the gospel and lives are forever changed.

Being a Christian and being a Jew were not the same.

Paul was called specifically to the Gentiles.

Paul said that faith alone in Christ was necessary to become God's people.

- *Sola Fide*, by faith alone.
- *Sola Scriptura*, by Scripture alone.
- *Solus Christus*, through Christ alone.

- *Sola Gratia*, by grace alone.
- *Soli Deo Gloria*, glory to God alone.

Jesus called his disciples to a worldwide mission

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." (Matt 4:19)

Jesus never gave us an option for giving up on the church

His instructions were more than just ethical code to be followed

According to Jesus, our faith is anything BUT private. Matt 28:18-20 leaves no room for a "closet religion". Declare Him or Deny Him!

WE all have responsibilities in this but we all have different roles. Praying, giving, going— ALL of us can do all of these things. Some will do it locally, some regionally, some nationally, and some globally. But we all must be ready for any of it.

Revelation 7:9 says we won't fail!!!

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." (Rev 7:9)