Concerning the Gentiles mentioned in the prophetic Scriptures, this was not spoken of, nor was it revealed by the Lord to his 12 disciples, as their chief spokesman, Peter, told a Gentile in Acts 10: "But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.[23]

As anyone who is willing to look can plainly see, these two messages and the instructions accompanying them— one given to the 12 by the Lord during his earthly sojourn, the other to Paul by the Lord from heaven,[24] — could not be more at odds with each other concerning the requirements of inclusion in God's family for Gentiles or Jews.

But this is not a claim that God replaced his program and promise to Israel—the one he delivered to the 12—not at all, for God is not slack in his promises. Those promises to Israel will be fulfilled in a future time, but not now.

We are now in Paul's mystery—an interruption of Israel's program—which has been on going now for 2000 years, wherein God is saving both Jews and Gentiles into a heavenly body by His grace, apart from the works of the law.[25]

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All Scripture references are quoted from the King James Bible.

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Post Script

Are you saved? Jesus Christ—"who knew no sin"—and his sacrificial death on the Cross, has made the way for "everyone that believeth...to be reconciled to God. History has shown that whatever peace man has achieved in the world can only be temporary. The Bible says that individual men and women can know, beyond a doubt, that they are saved and bound for heaven, and therefore have absolute and permanent peace, regardless of what is going on in the world, by trusting Jesus Christ and his death on the cross for their eternal salvation. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures....for our justification...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."[26] Have you done this? If not, why not now?

Notes

- the word "church" is translated, in every instance in the NT, from the Greek word "ekklesia," which means, simply, "a called out assembly."
- 2 Matthew 15:24
- 3 Matt 16:18
- 4 Matt 19:17-21
- 5 Luke 18:22
- 6 also reference Matthew 10:9,10; 19:29, which supports the notion that they did, indeed, give up everything, including their families, to become the Lord's disciples
- 7 Matt. 13:11
- 8 2 Tim. 2:15
- 9 Rom. 16:25,26
- 10 Eph. 3:1-3
- 11 Eph. 2:12
- 12 Luke 12:32

- 13 Matt. 15:24
- 14 Matt. 21:43
- 15 referred to as such, 32 times in the gospel of Matthew
- 16 1 Peter 2:9
- 17 1 Tim. 5:8
- 18 Acts 11:19
- 19 Matt. 24:13
- 20 Romans 4:4,5,25
- 21 Eph. 3:6; 2:19
- 22 1 Corinthians 12:27
- 23 Acts 10:35
- 24 Eph. 3:33
- 25 Eph. 2:8,9; Titus 3:5
- 26 1 Cor. 15:3,4; Rom. 4:25; Acts 16:31