

The Gentiles
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Good morning, Lighthouse! Are you ready for the Word of God this morning?

Genesis 10:1-5

1 Now these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

Everyone has heard of the Jews and the Gentiles.

So, who are these Gentiles? Where do they come from? From whom did they originate?

Noah had three sons. After the great flood, many sons and grandsons were born to these three sons. The entire earth has been populated from the progeny of these three men.

The word “Gentile” simply means “nation” and refers to a mass of people.

Originally the descendants of Japheth are referred to as the Gentiles.

Ten generations later in the lineage of Shem, or “Sem” as he is sometimes referred to, is born to a man named Terah, a son named **Abram**.

By this time the whole earth is once again gone away after their own lusts; they are worshipping other gods; the sin we have all inherited from Adam is once again ruling the world.

Joshua 24:2-3

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.
3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.

With this man Abram, who later becomes Abraham, God establishes a covenant that will ultimately bring into the world the Savior the world so desperately needs.

Galations 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through

faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Although the promise was sent through the lineage of Shem; the blessing is unto all nations.

This truth was declared even by the angels who announced the birth of the Savior.

Luke 2:10-11

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, **which shall be to all people.**

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

As time has moved forward, the descendents of Shem; in particular those who are the descendants of Abraham's promised son, Isaac, have come to be referred to as the Jews; meaning they are ("of Judah or Judea") who have, through the centuries, remained mostly separated and distinct as a race while others have generally mingled to one degree or another and are commonly referred to as "Gentiles."

Lighthouse, we are that mingled, mixed up mass of misery and mediocrity known to the world as the Gentiles.

We were not included in those to whom God delivered His law through Moses ten more generations later after Abraham.

We were not included in the covenants of the promise; yet God loved us anyway!

He has broken down that wall of separation that divided us and has made for Himself one very large all-inclusive new family through Jesus Christ.

Paul tells us about it in **Ephesians 2:11-15**

11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even the law of commandments contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

Jesus has accomplished what it took to include us Gentiles.

I. Jesus paid for our sins; in full!

A. He is our propitiation. (atonement)

1. **2 Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him *to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

2. Jesus took our sin upon Himself and gave us His perfect righteousness in its place.

B. He included us all.

1. **1John 2:2** And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also **for the sins of the whole world.** Because He is God, His sacrifice paid the debt of sin for all of us!

2. **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3. **Romans 1:16-17**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and **also to the Greek.** [Gentile]

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written. The just shall live by faith.

4. **Romans 3:21-23**

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ **unto all** and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

II. Jesus removed the roadblock; He took the Law out of the way.

A. *God's law has left us all; especially us Gentiles, in a hopeless condition.*

1. **Romans 3:19** Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith **to them who are under the law**: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

2. You can't go back and un-break the law; you cannot un-tell a lie; you cannot un-do any of the wrongs you have done.

3. Thus we are in a state of condemnation.
John 3:18 ... he that believeth not is condemned already...

4. Let me read to you what you look like to God as long as you are under the law:

Romans 3:10-18

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13 Their throat *is* an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips:

14 Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:

16 Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

B. When Jesus died for our sins, he abolished the law of commandments for the believer.

1. **Ephesians 2:15** Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

2. **Romans 8:1-3**

1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

3. If you are in Christ, you are free from the law! **Romans 6:14** For sin shall not have

dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

III. Jesus has made life simple and easy for us Gentiles.

A. When Jesus sent the good news to us Gentiles; He did not sent with it the volumes of ordinances contained in the law.

1. Paul delivered our message just as Jesus commanded him.

2. **Acts 26:12-18**

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, *and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

B. Our instructions are indeed simple and easy.

Acts 26:20 ... showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and **then to the Gentiles**, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

1. **Repent.** It means to change your mind. Quit trusting in keeping the law, quit trusting in your own works, quit trusting in false religion...and **put your trust in Jesus!**
2. **Then, turn to God.** Don't just trust Him to save you; **trust Him to lead you too.** Claim and depend upon His promises. Bring Him your cares, bring Him your burdens.
3. Then **do works meet for repentance.** Then do the kind of works fitting for someone who has changed his mind and placed his trust in Jesus.
4. These "works" of which Paul speaks are the New Testament commands of Jesus; Baptism, then worship and serving and giving and all the things Jesus has commanded us... and for which He blesses us.

C. Because we are not under THE LAW, it does not mean we are without law.

1. Romans 2:14-15

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;...

2. How much more do we, who have the Spirit of God dwelling in us, clearly understand what is right and what is wrong?

3. Romans 8:3-4

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

4. **Romans 6:1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

5. Romans 6:15-18

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye

are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

In Conclusion:

Romans 3:28-31

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

29 *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

30 Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

People today are just sooo afraid of becoming a Christian; "God will take all my fun away;" "What if I can't live it"?

I've got good news; you CAN live the life God commands you to live as a Christian; you CAN do it because Jesus has made it easy.

Matthew 11:28-30

30 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

Oh, yes! The law is still very much in force.

But, thanks to Jesus, we who are in Christ are no longer under it or bound by it.

We are free from the law; not free to sin...we are free to serve.

Are you IN CHRIST today?