

Grown-Ups In The Room Pt.11: "Cultural Assimilation Is Good!"

I Text:

Old Covenant: *Exodus 19:1-6*

New Covenant: *1Peter 2:9,10*

II Doctrine: Peter exhorts the Jewish believers that have accepted Christ as Messiah to honor him, in all things. They are now translated into the kingdom of God and are citizens of a new Nation. They must assimilate to the righteous culture of their new Nation. He explains how this is their chance to fulfill the mandate they were given at the Exodus. Accepting the salvific work of Christ by faith restores their relationship with God. God's rejection of the Jews because of their disobedience is mentioned by God's prophets. The new covenant Church is once again facing a similar situation in the "West".

III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:

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2) He explains how this is their chance to fulfill the mandate they were given at the Exodus. Accepting the salvific work of Christ by faith restores their relationship with God. (*1Peter 2:10; Hosea 2:14-23*)

3) God's rejection of the Jews because of their disobedience is mentioned by God's prophets. The new covenant Church is once again facing a similar situation in the "West". (*Hosea 2:1-13; Romans 9:19-29*)

~*"If you preach the gospel in all aspects with the exception of the issues which deal specifically with your time —you are not preaching the gospel at all."*

— **Martin Luther** (1483-1546)

"For earthly princes lay aside their power when they rise up against God, and are unworthy to be reckoned among the number of mankind. We ought, rather, to spit upon their heads than to obey them."

— **John Calvin** (1509-1564)

"Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

"A man with God is always in the majority."

— **John Knox** (1513-1572)

9But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10Which in time past [were] not a people, but [are] now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

[25] This verse is a quotation from Hosea 2:23, only the two clauses are inverted. The same is quoted by Paul in Romans 9:25, in the same inverted form, and with this difference, that Peter follows the Hebrew, and Paul the Septuagint. The Hebrew is, "I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy;" but according to the Septuagint, "I will love her that had not been loved." The meaning is the same, though the words are different. -- Ed.