

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

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The Devil is not content with just unbelievers in his camp; he also wants to snare believers in Christ as well. Most Christians have a special love for Jewish people, because the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are responsible for preserving the Old Testament and being in the lineage of Jesus. It is therefore easy for Christians to be lured back to Judaism and adopt feast days, special attire and rituals.

John Hagee and other preachers teach that God has a special plan for the Jewish people and they do not need to come to God through Christ. It is out of sentimentality that many Christians want to "Judaize" themselves in hope of getting closer to God.

When a Christian decides to drift into Judaism, Jesus becomes less important and the focus is directed to the political state of Israel and the temple that will be rebuilt one day in Jerusalem.

As a result, Christians are being conditioned to join the Jewish people in waiting for a false messiah that will save them as a nation and set up the kingdom of Israel again. When the Antichrist appears on the scene, Jews and Christians alike will welcome this Man of Sin whose goal is to restore the kingdom of Israel according to the boundaries described by God to Abraham and also bring peace to the world.

Therein lies the problem because there can only be one Messiah. You have to make a choice. Was Jesus Christ truly the Son of God? If Jesus was indeed the Messiah, that means the future Jewish messiah will be an imposter! There must be a separation between Judaism and Christianity; it is impossible for them to exist together.

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Being spiritually blinded is a judgment from God. There was a judgment upon the people of northern Israel when they rejected the truth of God and turned to the worship of heathen gods. **Isaiah 6:9-11**

Some 700 years later, Jesus confirmed that this blindness had not only been placed upon the ten northern tribes of Israel, but it had also been applied to the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. **Matthew 13:10-15**

A remnant of Jews whose eyes were spiritually opened still remained. **Matthew 13:16-23**

It doesn't matter if you're a gentile, an unbeliever or a Christian; no one is exempt from this curse. Ever since the resurrection of Jesus, Satan has introduced one deception after another and millions of people believed the lies and were spiritually blinded by God. These are just a few examples:

- ❖ Islam was started by Mohammed around 650 A.D.



- ❖ Mormonism was started by Joseph Smith in 1830.
- ❖ The Seventh Day Adventist's was started by Ellen G. White and other Millerites in 1863.
- ❖ Jehovah's Witnesses was started by Charles Taze Russell in 1870.

There have been thousands of large and small movements since the 1870's and they still continue to perpetuate. **2 Thessalonians 2:8-12**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?