

## CHRISTIANITY IS JEWISH

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There is the need to realize that God, through His mercy and grace, made a way to atone (cover) for our sins through the sacrificial system that He gave to the children of Israel wherein He required a blood sacrifice – Leviticus 17:11. In the sacrificial system the one who sinned, intentionally and unintentionally, would bring the animal to the door of the Tabernacle/Temple, lay his hands on the animal acknowledging that his sins were now upon the animal and the animal would die in the man’s place.

There is the need to recognize the truth of the Scriptures and to realize that this is history. What has been given in God’s word is historically true – not just a vague religious truth.

Jesus is an historical figure spoken about by the prophets centuries before He came into the world (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53)

There is the need to bow before the living God and acknowledge that no possible thing that we could bring in our hands would balance, wipe out, or atone for our sins.

There is the need for us to accept what He has done for us as the atonement that was necessary.

There is the need to bow and to accept what the Messiah – the Lamb of God – has freely done for us.

Anyone who believes God's word and accepts the provision He has made for atonement through the Messiah is immediately born again.

Is "born again" a Christian term? No. It is a Jewish term.

- When Gentiles converted to Judaism, they were said to be born again.
- When a man was crowned king, he was said to be born again.
- When a Jewish boy becomes bar mitzvahed at the age of 13, he is said to be born again.
- When a Jewish person marries, he is said to be born again.
- When a Jewish person is ordained as a Rabbi, he/she is said to be born again.
- When a Jewish person becomes the head of a rabbinical school, he/she is said to be born again.

Jesus told Nicodemus, a teacher in Israel, "*Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*"

To "be born of water" was a Jewish expression for physical birth.

However, physical birth by itself is not sufficient to provide entrance into the Kingdom of God.

Man must be born of the Spirit – born from above.

*"And no man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."* John 3:13-15

There is one God – the Jewish God.

There is one salvation – through the Jewish Messiah.

If Gentiles refuse to accept the Jewish God and the Jewish Messiah, they will suffer the same consequences as Jewish people who refuse to accept the Jewish God and the Jewish Messiah – eternal separation from God

Daniel 12:2 speaks about eternal life and eternal punishment.

God created mankind to live forever – in the "afterlife".

How are you going to live that "forever"?

Will you choose to live with God eternally or will you choose to be separated from Him – eternally?

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