

AND HOW WAS IT WITH ISRAEL AND GENTILES



Now let's compare Acts 5:30-31 with Romans 10:12 and Ephesians 2:14-16. Acts 5:30-31 (About 34 A.D.), ***“The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, Whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”***

Romans 10:12 (About 60 A.D.), ***“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same LORD over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.”***

Ephesians 2:14-16 (About 64 A.D.), ***“For He is our Peace Who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us: 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: And that He might reconcile both unto God in one Body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.”***

In Acts 5:30-31 we learn that Christ died and was raised to give repentance to Israel. What about the Gentiles? In Galatians 4:4 we learn that Christ was made under the law to redeem them that were under the law. In Acts 11:18 and Acts 14:27, we find these two interesting statements: ***“When they heard these things they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.”*** ***“And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of Faith unto the Gentiles.”***
Acts 14:27.

When was it that God opened a door to the Gentiles by the Apostle Paul? **About thirteen years after the death of Christ.**

When did God open the door to the Gentiles by Peter?

About eight years after the death of Christ.

It is so important that we carefully note these facts concerning the salvation of the first Gentiles. The "far off" people of Acts 2:39 are the "far off"

Israelites

of Daniel 9.

In Acts 10:28 we learn that more than seven years after the death of Christ it was not lawful for the Twelve to go to Gentiles. To this extent the Twelve were still under the law. When they were clearly taught by the Holy Spirit that they were no longer under the law is not known. Acts 21:18-21. Galatians 2:11-14. **But let us not for a moment imagine that the Twelve knew the full meaning of Ephesians 2:13-18 until they learned it from the Apostle Paul.**

When?

"Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also." "And communicated unto them."

Galatians 2:1-2.

If we have wondered why the Apostle Paul circumcised Timothy; why he wanted to go to Jerusalem for Pentecost (Acts 20:16); why Paul shaved his head and took vows, etc., the answer is in 1 Corinthians 9:20, ***"And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews: to them that are under the Law, as under the Law, that I might gain them that are under the Law."***

He was not walking in the flesh in this ministry. He was in the will of God. As to whether or not he was in the will of God when he sat in the Jerusalem temple, as a Jew under the law (Acts 21:24-29), read this word from the LORD given him immediately thereafter, Acts 23:11,

"And the night following the LORD stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of Me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome."

"Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" Acts 16:31, while there is still time!

So There You Have it!

Spread this message to everyone you know, far and wide. **The time is short**

Grace be to you and peace, from God: our Father, and The LORD Jesus Christ.

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