

HOLY NATION

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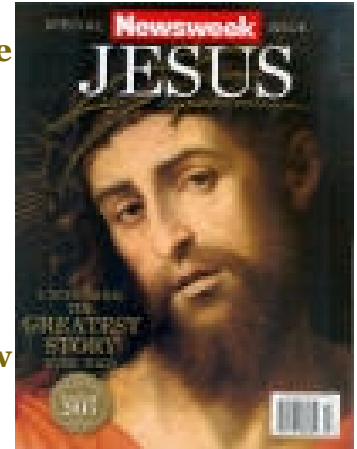
It is written: "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." -1 Corinthians 3:11

"...as Christ is head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior." -Ephesians 5:23

"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations" -Isaiah 56:7

Jesus/Yeshua: "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters." -Matthew 12:30

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you [Father God] sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." -John 17:23



"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" -1 Peter 2:9

"And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." -Exodus 19:6

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" -2 Corinthians 6:14

"But what about you?" he [Jesus] asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." -Mark 8:29

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. -Matthew 16:17

Exhortation: "No Human being -even churchgoers, ministers, priests, rabbis- have been granted the right to specify that certain humans are "qualified" to be claimed by God. There is a Spiritual Nation, governed by God Himself. This spiritual nation exists both now, in this world, and in the heavenly realm, and the life to come. The earthly geographical location, and the racial origin of the inhabitants of God's spiritual nation do not matter at all. "Membership" in a specific denominational church does not open the gate to this nation. Human will and effort do not bring about admission into God's spiritual nation.

"God calls people freely to offer him their obedience. Nothing is gained by imposing patterns of 'Christian' behavior on human beings whose hearts have not been turned to the Lord." -

Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920); Christian History & Biography Issue 94



“Admission to the kingdom of God is never by the proud prerogative of race, status, nation, class, or gender. It is certainly not by heredity! **All who enter the kingdom of God must be born into it by the Spirit.** This spiritual birth is an act of God.” -*James W. Tharp, Christian Renewal, Winter 2014*

Someone once asked Evangelist Billy Graham, “If Christianity is valid, why is there so much evil in the world?” To which Billy replied, “With so much soap, why are there so many dirty people in the world? Christianity, like soap, must be personally applied if it is to make a difference in our lives.”

It is written: “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.” -*Luke 6:43-45*



“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” -*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*



“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.” -*Romans 13:8*

“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” -*1 Peter 3:9*

“Then Peter began to speak: ‘I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the

message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of the peace through Christ Jesus [Yeshua] who is Lord of all.” -Acts 10:34-36

“And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. **But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.” -Isaiah 35:8-10**

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“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” -James 1:22

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1 Peter 2:9, 10 **Exodus 19:5, 6**

*"All the miseries and evil which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."
 -Noah Webster*

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

"But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe" Romans 3:21, 22

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