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A JEW?

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Who are these Jews in the Gentile church of Philadelphia? *"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews (spiritual Israel), and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know I have loved thee."* Rev. 3:9.

Now, let's let the Bible interpret itself:

#1 - A Jew is one outwardly which is of the flesh (circumcision) Rom. 2:28

A. "Speaking in unknown tongues" is outwardly with your flesh tongue speaking (type of circumcision).

B. *"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh."* Rom. 2:28.

#2 - "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision (type of unknown tongues)?" Rom. 3:1.

A. *"Unto them (Jews) were committed the oracles of God."* Rom. 3:2. Like their counterpart, the Assemblies of God (A of G), through their outward circumcision have the "oracles of God" committed unto them. With circumcision came a spiritual enlightenment of the Bible.

#3 - "Behold, thou art called a Jew, and resteth in the law." Rom. 2:17.

A. Believers in Jesus Christ rest *"not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy."* Titus 3:5.

B. *"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ...for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."* Gal. 2:16.

#4 - Summary: The parable of the Lord and his servants: *"The lord of that servant (A of G) will come in a day when he looketh not for him (A of G are pre-tribbers, therefore are unprepared for the rapture)...and will cut him in sunder (Gk.-divide), and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant, which KNEW his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that KNEW NOT (Fundamentalism), and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him*

shall much be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Lk. 12:46-48.

I. The Assemblies of God rest in the law. They believe in grace to be saved, but works to be justified.

1. Grace plus works to be justified.

2. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the (free) gift of God."* Eph. 2:8.

II. The Assemblies of God, through the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, "unto them were COMMITTED the oracles of God" (Rom. 3:2); they could see and understand scripture. *"Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness."* Lk. 11:35.¹

III. By the single act of circumcision, a Jew knew he was a child of Abraham. But, the A of G recognize outwardly which is of the flesh (a type of the Jew's circumcision), "speaking in an unknown tongue."

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews (spiritual Israel), and are not, but do lie." Rev. 3:9. If these of the synagogue of Satan were occultic, they'd never be in a Gentile church that is termed the Bride of Christ, for they do repent. These "hirelings" are not spiritual Israel (Jews), but, *"behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know (recognize) that I have loved thee."* Rev. 3:9. Talk about eating humble pie, when these lying Jews start confessing they are not spiritual Israel!

Only through hard hitting messages, as *RBN* puts out, will true repentance be brought about. Do you think Joseph's brothers ever thought their little brother Joseph's dreams would come to pass?

¹ (Whenever I refer to A of G, or the Assemblies of God, it automatically includes the Heinz 57 varieties, with the exception of the Philadelphia Church of Stockholm, Sweden, and the Independent Assemblies of God in Canada.) I just happened to marry into a nest of Assembly of Godites! Hence, I am more familiar with this organization. As a fledgling, I would accuse my future brothers-in-law of having "the Assemblies of God spirit". To have "the spirit", you must have faith in the "hireling system" of choosing a pastor--the electorate, just like in Washington DC, which is Laodicea (Gk-laos; people: dicea; rule). We live in a Laodicean form of government in America, called democracy!

The same problems confronting the world between democracy and autocracy, is what plagues the Assemblies of God. At Azusa Street, in 1906, when the Assemblies of God was first formed, they decided on the "people rule" type of government, but have since learned to adjust to the autocrats, just as the U.S.A. learns to adjust to the Manuel Noriega's and other dictators of the world.

Dr. Cecil J. Lowry, deceased pastor of the Oakland Revival Tabernacle, ordained with the Assemblies of God, was as much an autocrat as was Dr. Bebe H. Patten. Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker were both autocrats and ordained with the Assemblies of God. Benny Hinn is a real first! He came into the A of G as an autocrat! Preachers have been autocrats (lords over God's heritage - 1 Pet. 5:3) for a long time before their own promotion to "little gods." What big step is involved before a dictator announces that he is now a "little god"?

And finally, we have a solemn warning in the Bible that should sober us all up. *"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."* Matt. 12:31. It is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost for man to participate in a project called, "Put the Holy Ghost in a box." God will give a few stripes to the Lutherans for organizing around "the just shall live by faith." Even the Baptists will get a few stripes for their ridiculous sectarian water baptism. A few stripes to the Church of Christ and Church of God, who literally take the name of their church from scripture. *"All manner of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven unto men,"* but when you bottle up and box up the Holy Ghost with a General Superintendent sitting on top of the box, you've blasphemed the Holy Ghost! Is it any wonder God started filling Catholic priests with the precious Holy Ghost, just to really confuse these "Jews" of Revelation 3:9!

"And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matt. 12:32.

You've heard the cliché, "If God doesn't send judgment on America over the abortion and gay rights issues, He'll have to repent to Sodom and Gomorrah." What kind of judgment should God send on the A of G for being so stupid as to think they could "box the Holy Ghost"? I believe this judgment is herein described in Revelation 3:9. *"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."* I'd say that was judgment!

The UPC (United Pentecostal Church) are guilty of all of the above; the only difference is the box has another label! They believe in "Jesus only". There is one God, but he manifests Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, rather than three individual, distinct persons.