

Ecclesiology — 4 Categories

1. Ethnic Jews — (Children of the Flesh; Kinsmen According to the Flesh; Being Hardened; Cut off from Olive Tree; Physical Offspring). John 8:43-47; Rom 9:1-5,8; 10:1-3; 11:7-10,17,23-24.

2. True Jews — (Children According to the Promise; Descendants of Abraham; Grafted into the Olive Tree; Spiritual Offspring). Deu 30:6; Rom 2:28-29; 9:6-8; Gal 3:29; 4:28

3. Grafted Gentiles — (Partakers in the Commonwealth of Israel; Grafted into the Olive Tree; Share in the Covenant Blessings and Promises; Fellow Heirs According to the Promise). Rom 11:17-19; Eph 2:12-13; 3:4-7.

4. Non-Grafted Gentiles — (Spiritually Dead; Not Partaking in the Commonwealth of Israel; of the World; Slaves of Sin; Unrepentant, etc.). John 8:34; Rom 6:18; Gal 4:3.

1 - Ethnic Jews, Hebrews or Israelites (Children of the Flesh; Kinsmen According to the Flesh; Being Hardened; Cut off from Olive Tree; Physical Offspring).

John 8:43-47 NASB

Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. [44] You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. [45] But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. [46] Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? [47] He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

Romans 9:3-5 NASB

For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, [4] who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, [5] whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 9:8 NASB

That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Romans 10:1-3 NASB

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. [2] For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. [3] For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

Romans 11:7-10,17,23-24 NASB

What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; [8] just as it is written, "God GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY." [9] And David says, "Let THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM. [10] "Let THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER." [17] But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, [23] And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. [24] For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

2 - True Jews, Hebrews, Israelites (Children According to the Promise; Descendants of Abraham; Grafted into the Olive Tree; Spiritual Offspring).

Deuteronomy 30:6 NASB

"Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

Romans 2:28-29 NASB

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. [29] But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

Romans 9:6,8 NASB

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; [8] That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Galatians 3:29 NASB

And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:28 NASB

And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.

3 - Grafted Gentiles (Partakers in the Commonwealth of Israel; Grafted into the Olive Tree; Share in the Covenant Blessings and Promises; Fellow Heirs According to the Promise).

Ephesians 2:12-13 NASB

remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. [13] But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 3:4-7 NASB

By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, [5] which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; [6] to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, [7] of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

Romans 11:17,19 NASB

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, [19] You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

4 - Non-Grafted Gentiles (Spiritually Dead; Not Partaking in the Commonwealth of Israel; of the World; Slaves of Sin; Unrepentant, etc.)

John 8:34 NASB

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

Romans 6:18 NASB

and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Galatians 4:3 NASB

So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.