

JESUS: MINISTER OF THE CIRCUMCISION

A LOOK AT THE EARTHLY MINISTRY OF CHRIST

"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:"

~ Romans 15:8

1. Jesus After the Flesh

- a. There is Jesus 'after the flesh' and Jesus 'now' - 2 Cor 5:16
- b. Jesus made of the seed of David according to the flesh - Rom 1:3
- c. Concerning the flesh Jesus Christ came to Israel - Rom 9:5
- d. Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision... Rom 15:8

2. Minister of the Circumcision

- a. Covenant of circumcision separated children of promise - Genesis 17:10-14
- b. The law separated Israel from the Gentiles (nations) - Deu 7:1-6
- c. He came to his own people Israel - John 1:11, Matt 10:5-6, 15:24
- d. There was a separation between circumcision/uncircumcision - Eph 2:11-12
- e. A "middle wall of partition" was established between them - Eph 2:14
- f. He was not sent to minister to the uncircumcision at that time.

3. For the Truth of God

- a. The profit of Jew/circumcision: the oracles of God - Rom 3:1-2
- b. The truth of God was the law/prophets - *"thy law is truth"* - Ps 119:42
- c. Jesus Christ came in the flesh according to a prophesied time - Lev 26, Dan 9:24-27
- d. He came and taught the law and the prophets - Matt 3:17, 5:17, 24:15-21
- e. He did not reveal the mystery given to Paul when he was on earth.

4. To Confirm the Promises

- a. 3 parts to the promises made to the fathers - Gen 12:1-3, 13:14-15, 15:18-21
 - i. Land promise - "for ever" Gen 15:18-21
 - ii. Seed promise - "a great nation" - Isaac, Israel, Isaiah
 - iii. Blessing promise - to be the channel of God's blessing (law, Messiah)
 - iv. Confirmed to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob - Gen 22:15-18, 26:1-4, 28:12-14
- b. Jesus confirmed these promises - Matt 8:10-12, Luke 24:47, John 4:12, Rom 11:28

5. One Lord, One God

- a. One mediator between God and man - 1 Tim 2:5, 3:16
- b. In Jesus Christ dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily - Col 1:15, 2:9
- c. The King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God... 1 Tim 1:17
- d. When he came to earth, he came to the circumcision - Rom 15:8