

## Relationship With Jesus

Email:

I like that you pointed out the unification of Jews and Christians, and will be forwarding your website to some Messianic Jews I know. However, you implied that the Jews are saved by the law, but the Christians are saved through a relationship with Jesus. I firmly believe we all come to God the same way - there is a heart commitment, no matter what the theological stance. God knows who truly has that commitment and who is just following ritual. As Jesus pointed out in his illustrations in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5, 6), no one can live up to the law, which is why He came to fulfill the law so that through Him we will be saved. Before Christ's birth, even before the Torah, all people have come to God the same way - through a heart to heart relationship, from Adam and Eve on - and it is that faith that saved them (Romans 4), not reliance on the law, but by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross (even though it had not yet taken place). Yes, some Jews are saved, some Christians are saved, but not all, and not by different means!

Answer:

This makes good sense from our viewpoint looking back, but it doesn't explain the history of the Bible. If all God is looking for is personal relationships, then there was no need for a Nation of Israel. There was no need for a Law of Moses. There was no need to bring Israel out of Egypt into a land of their own. There was no need to punish Israel (the northern tribes) by taking them out of the land by Assyria. There was no need to punish Judah by the conquest of Babylon. There was no need to return them. There was no need for the temple. There is no need for Israel then or now. There is no need to rebuild the temple. No need to have a tribulation. No need to have a Bride to rule with him for a millennium. Because, all he needs is personal relationships.

Obviously, there is a lot more going on in the Bible. Then, now, and in our immediate future, than just a personal relationship with God. God is also interested in nations. His nation, and the nations of the world. And because of this He wrote His law. Using His Word which is His Son Yeshua, Jesus Christ.

God does want a personal relationship with each and every one of us this is why He sent His son Yeshua to die on the cross and establish the New Covenant as prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31-34. But God also intends to rule the nations through His nation Israel. And for that He established His Law, His Nation, and His Land.

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