

## I. GENTILES JOINED TO THE HOPE OF ISRAEL

- A. In this session we will study what the New Testament reveals about Gentile inclusion to the hope of Israel. There are many ways that Paul describes this uniting of Jews and Gentiles. We will discuss each one individually below.
- B. We have already seen that the benefit of being a Jew is great in that they have been 'entrusted with the oracles of God', yet...both Jews and Gentiles are all under sin...There is no distinction...all fall short of the glory of God...man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law' Romans 3:9, 22, 28. Yet as we see God's faithfulness to Israel, we see His pledge to us as Gentiles.
  1. **We Gentiles are grafted in as a branch:** '...you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became a partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree...the root supports you' Romans 11:17-18



2. **We Gentiles are Abraham's seed:** 'Abrahams seed'- Romans 4:16-18, Galatians 3:14, 26-29
3. **We Gentiles are one new man in Messiah:** Ephesians 2:11-18
4. **We Gentiles are fellow-citizens, fellow-heirs, fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel:** Ephesians 2:19-3:10
5. **We Gentiles are called to know the what the hope by which He calls us is:** Ephesians 1:13-23, 4:4, 17-20
6. **We Gentiles are to join the true circumcision. We are putting no confidence in the flesh(physical-circumcision), but rather, by our new citizenship(commonwealth Ephesians 2:12) we are called to attain to the resurrection from the dead:** Philippians 3:1-12, 20-21

7. **We Gentiles are to seek that which is above where Christ is seated and from where He will return to glorify us with Himself; His own possession will have a resurrected body:** Romans 8:23, Ephesians 1:13-14) Colossians 3:1-4, 2 Thessalonians 2:14, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Peter 1:3-13, 1 John 3:1-3
- C. The Apostle Paul declared that these three remain: **faith, hope, and love**. He also said that the greatest of these three is love. He declared this for a reason. The reason is that a vital faith and hope in God who raises the dead is a fervent love that does not shrink in fear from death, but rather propagates one's life that all may be saved to the Jew first and then to the Gentile.
1. In part 1- sessions 1 and 2, we have discussed our approach to the Scriptures in a literal and historical way that accentuates the ways of God with His own people Israel and how they could put their **faith** in His covenant with Abraham.
  2. In part 2- sessions 1 and 2, we have discussed what the specific **hope** of Israel is and what it means for us as Gentiles to join that same hope.
  3. In this third and final part we will look at what true **love** is and our call to embrace our cross and bear it before the Jews first, as we study the checkered history of this people who have suffered more than any, yet have been preserved through it all.