ROMANS #3,1 What advantage then hath the Jew?
Or what profit is there of circumcision? Verse 2 Much every way:chiefly,because unto them were committed the oracles of God.

The Israelites were the chosen people of God,from the time God called Abram Gen.12,1Now the Lord said unto Abram,Get thee out of thy country,and from thy people,and from thy fathers house,unto a land that I will shew thee,And Iwill make of thee a great nation.Verse 3 ~~And=I=will make=of=thee=a=great=nation~~ And in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.Abraham's ~~son~~ grand son Jacob,Gen,35,9 And God appeared unto Jacob again-verse10 And God said unto him,Thy name is Jacob:thy name shall not be called any more Jacob,but Israel shall be thy name:and he ~~ca~~ called his name Israel.Abraham's descendants were known by this name until the time of Christ,After they were delivered from Egyptian bondage over four hundred years later,and received the Law given to them by Moses They were called Israel.Ex 4,22 God instructing Moses in delivering Israel from the bondage in EgyptAnd thou shalt say unto Pharoah,Thus saith the Lord,Israel is my son,even my firstborn:And I say unto thee,Let my son go,that he may serve me.Chosen of God,De.7,6--14,2.--Ex 19,5 Ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me. They were referred to as Jews in Esther 3-4--6-10 from there through the New testament. Jn.4,9 The Samaritan woman of whom christ asked a drink,How is it that thou being a Jew,askest a drink of me who am a Samaritan? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.God had forbidden them to have no dealings,make marriages or other close relations,De.7-3.This ended in the new testament beginning Ac.2

Mt.10 Christ selected twelve from among His disciples and named them Apostles,and commissioned them to,As ye go ,Go not in the way of the Gentiles,and into the cities of the Samaritans,enter ye not :but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,7 and as ye go,preach,saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.But before this,Mt,3-1 In those days came John the Baptist,preachingin the wilderness of Judean 2And saying Repent ye:for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.But later,after Chrit was Crucified and just before He ascended to heaven,He gave a different command.Mt.28,18 And Jesus came and spake unto them,saying,All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.19Go ye therefore,and teach all nations, baptizeing them in the name of the Father,and of the Son,and of the Holy Ghost.Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Mark 16,15 And He said unto them,Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;but he that believeth not shall be damned.Also Acts 17,30 Paul preaching to the people of Athens,And the times of this ignorance God winked at;but now commandeth all men every where to repent:31Because He hath appointed a day,in the which He will judge the world in righteousness,by that man whom He hath ordained.--Jesus Christ.

The disciples were to wait for the promise of the Father,(the Holy Ghost);which ye have heard of Me,Ac.1,4--Verse 8But ye shall receive power,after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:and ye shall be witnesses of me both in Jerusalem,and in all Judaeh,and Samaria,and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Ac,2,4 They were waiting,And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak inother tongues,as the Spirit gave them utterance. verse 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews,devout men out of every nation under heaven.6 Now when this was noised abroad,the multitude came together,and were confounded,because that every man heard them speak in his own language.Verse 12 And they were all amazed and were in doubt,saying one to another What meaneth this,Peter explained to them that this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.Read to verse 22.Peter Speaking Ye men of Israel,hear these words;Jesus of Nazereth,a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs,which God did among you as ye yourselves know.23 Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God,ye have taken by wicked hands have crucified and slain Whom God hath raised up.Verse Peter still speaking,Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly,that God hath made that same Jesus,whom ye have crucified,both Lord and Christ.-Further evidence that the Jews,are the ones who crucified Christ,who was being tried before Pilate,who said When the people continued to demand that Hebe crucified,Why,what evil hath He done?But they cried out the more,Let Him be crucified.24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing,but rather a tumult was made.he took water and washed his hands,before the multitude,saying,I am innocent of the blood of this just person:See ye to it.25 Then answered all the people,and said,His blood be on us and our children .Does not this settle the controversy,as to who crucified Christ?--And by doing so they fulfilled verse 23 Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God. The children of Israel,Israelites,also called Jews,were God's chosen people until Christ was offered for the sins of the whole world.

Now let us go to page 2 and lear if He still has a certain nationality,race or people to be His chosen ones.

WHAT ADVANTAGE THEN HATH THE Jew Ro.3,1

Gal.3,16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made He saith not, as to seeds of many; but as of one, and to thy seed which is Christ. What was that promise?-That in thee and thy seed, shall all families of the earth be blessed. Verse 8 And the scriptures, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen by faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying In thee shall all nations be blessed. 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith off Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under ~~th~~ the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwarwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law (of Moses) was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under the schoolmaster. 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; For ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christs, then are ye Abrahams seed, and ~~hei~~ heirs accord ing to the promise.

Just before Christ ascended, He appeared unto the disciples Lu.24,44 And He said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me 45 Then opened He their understanding that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise again the third day; 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Did you notice He said among all nations? Mt.28,19 Go ye therefore and teach all nations. Mk.16,15 Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Has He made any distinction to color, race, or nationality? What is the Gospel? 1 Cor.15,1 Moreover, brethren I, I declare the Gospel unto you, which I preached unto you, which also ye received, and wherein ye stand. 2 by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all, that which also I received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. 4 And that He was buried, and that He arose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that He was ~~see~~ seen of Cephas, then of the twelve, then of above five hundred brethren at once. In a few words the Gospel is the facts concerning the purpose and the facts concerning his sacrifice for our sins. Now let us go to Ro.1,16 Paul states, For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God God unto salvation to ~~Everyone that believeth~~ every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein (in the gospel) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is it is written, The Just shall live by faith.--To the Jew first.

The Gospel was first preached to the Jews at Pentecost Acts Chapter 2, ~~Then~~ And only to the Jews until about Eight or ten years later recorded in Ac.10 the conversion of Cornelious, a Gentile, Which was brought about By a vision to Peter, telling Him that the Gentile was ~~accepted of God~~ to be preached to, and the vision Cornelious had to send for Peter, who would tell thee words whereby thee and thy house shall be saved Ac,11,14.

Peter relating his part of the vision said, God hath showed me that I should call no man unclean-(under the law of Moses the Jews were forbidde to have any dealings with people of other nations) Ac.10 28 Peter speaking to Cornelious, Ye know that it is is an unlawful thing for a man that is a a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should call no man common or unclean.--Verse 34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him.-In ac 15 a dissension arose about circumcision. after some discussion verse 7 Peter rose up and said unto them, Men and brethren, Ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentile by my mouth should hear the word of the Gospel, and believe. 8 And God which knoweth the hearts bare them witness, giving them them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us. Ac,28,28 The Jews opposed the teaching of Paul, he said, Be it known unto you (Jews) that the salvation o of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and they will receive it.

Were not the Jews honored of God when we read, That unto them are delivered the Oracles ~~of~~ God. And the statement Christ made to thr Samaritan woman, Ye know not what ye worship ~~ye know not what~~. We know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews, Jn.4,22. Now Ro.1,16 again-For I am n not ashamed of ~~the~~ Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek Ro.14,11 For it is written as I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. Ac.17,30 And the times of this Ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every where to repent 31 Because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained, whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He raised Him from the dead.-No respecter of Persons. J.H.Lackey Church of Christ.