

## **Is The Church Israel? (Gal 6:16)**

- I. Introduction
  - A. Covenant theology vs. Dispensational theology
  - B. NIV: “Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, **even** to the Israel of God.”  
NASB: “And to those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, **and** upon the Israel of God.”
  
- II. Ten facts favoring the dispensational interpretation of Galatians 6:16<sup>1</sup>
  - A. Continuative και is the most common New Testament form
  - B. Appositional και is the rarest New Testament form
  - C. Point easier made by eliminating και
  - D. “Israel” always means national, ethnic Israel elsewhere in the New Testament (Fruchtenbaum, *Israelology*, pg. 684-90)
  - E. Israel not equated with church by the fathers until A.D. 160
  - F. Why introduce sweeping point in conclusion rather than doctrinal section?
  - G. Twofold repetition of “upon” (επι)
  - H. Paul elsewhere designates two groups (Gal 6:15; 2:7-8)
  - I. Paul elsewhere singles out ethnic, believing Jews (Rom 2:28-29; 4:11-12; 9:6; 11:1, 5; 1 Cor 10:18)
  - J. Paul not anti-Semitic-Burton pg. 358
  
- III. Conclusion
  - A. Who’s who?
  - B. Amillennial exegetical bias
  - C. Cranfield pg. 448

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<sup>1</sup> S. Lewis Johnson, “Paul and the ‘Israel of God’: An Exegetical and Eschatological Case-Study,” in *Essays in Honor of J. Dwight Pentecost*, ed. Stanley D. Toussaint and Charles H. Dyer (Chicago: Moody, 1986), 181-96.