

Likewise, *“the people He has chosen as His own inheritance”* was Israel. Jeremiah proclaimed, *“The Portion of Jacob is not like them, for He is the Maker of all things, and Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; Jehovah of hosts is His name”* (Jeremiah 10:9).

When the Psalmist mentioned *“the nation whose God is Jehovah,”* he was, by inspiration, referring to Israel for that people is whom God had in forethought when He made promises to Abraham. *“Jehovah had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed’”* (Genesis 12:1-3).

God fulfilled His promises to Abraham in Christ so that now one need not be of the physical lineage of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to enjoy favor in God’s blessed nation. *“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise”* (Galatians 3:26-29). There is, therefore, a New Israel. *“In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God”* (Galatians 6:15-16). The Israel of God is not the Old Israel, because Jews are no different than Greeks any longer, *“for they are not all Israel who are of Israel”* (Romans 9:6). Rather, the Israel of God is His new creation in Jesus Christ.

Addressing *“you who believe”* (1st Peter 2:7), Peter said, *“You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy”* (9-10). That body of believers who are Christ’s church are now God’s holy nation and special people; not America, not Old Israel – the church. Those who are redeemed in Christ’s blood are the blessed nation, regardless of race or language or location (Revelation 5:9).

FIVE WAYS WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE

Joshua Welch

1. **Love Intelligently.** *“Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another”* (1st Thessalonians 4:9). Love is not some fickle, emotional, impulsive thing – God understandably teaches how to love.
2. **Love Sacrificially.** *“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 13:34-35). Jesus loved sacrificially. If there is no willingness to sacrifice time, treasures, and talents, then there is very little love.
3. **Love continually.** *“Let love of the brethren continue”* (Hebrews 13:1). Love is not some on-again, off-again action. We need to keep loving diligently and consistently.
4. **Love increasingly.** *“May the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you”* (1st Thessalonians 3:12). Our love needs to be overflowing, rather than waning.
5. **Love deeply.** *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling”* (1st Peter 4:8-9 NIV). Dig deep and guard the tendency to have a shallow love. How deep? Deep enough to forgive *“a multitude of sins”* so we can stay united.

“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection” (Colossians 3:14).

“Parenting really is a crash course in theology. You have someone made in your image whom you love so desperately you can hardly stand it, but half the time they’re convinced you’re trying to make them miserable when everything you’re doing is actually for their ultimate good.”

**"WHAT MUST I DO
TO BE SAVED?"**

ACTS 16:30

LEARN THE GOSPEL

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

CONFESS CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 3:19; 17:30

BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

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OURSELVES TOGETHER"**

HEBREWS 10:24-25

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**"IF A MAN IS OVERTAKEN IN
ANY TRESPASS...
RESTORE SUCH A ONE"**

GALATIANS 6:1

CONFESS TRESPASSES

James 5:16; 1st John 1:9

REPENT OF SIN

Acts 8:22

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 8:22

REMAIN STEADFAST

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN"

PROVERBS 25:11

"Religion has accepted the monstrous heresy that noise, size, activity, and bluster make a man dear to God."

– A. W. Tozer

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ACTS 20:27

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"THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS JEHOVAH"

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"Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12).

This passage proclaiming blessing upon *"the nation whose God is Jehovah"* can be misapplied, often being used by so-called "Christian nationalists" to suggest that the United States of America would be in a better condition – politically, economically, and culturally – if only God was honored by the government. They want religious symbolism in the public square – such as the Ten Commandments, the Cross, or a Nativity scene. They want public schools to teach the Bible and provide publicly worded prayers. They want tax-subsidized parochial schools. However, the text never mentions the U.S., nor is such implied.

At the time this psalm was inspired, *"the nation whose God is Jehovah"* was Israel. *"Moses went up to God, and Jehovah called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel'" (Exodus 19:3-6).*

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