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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (39)
ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #30
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Objection #30: The main reason Christians are so zealous to convert Jews to their beliefs is to legitimize their faith. The fact that Jesus' own people rejected him is a real problem for Christianity.

Michael Brown's short response:

I have never met a single Christ in my entire life—and I have met many—who felt that their own faith would be legitimized if they could convince a Jew to believe as they did. If anything, since the Hebrew Bible indicated to us that most of our Jewish people would reject the Messiah when he first came, it does not surprise us that our people did, by and large, reject him and that they still reject him today. The main reasons Christians are often especially zealous to win Jewish people to their faith are: (1) As followers of Jesus the Jewish Messiah, they have a special love for Jewish people; (2) it is especially painful for them to think of the People of the Book missing the Messiah of that Book, of Yeshua's own flesh and blood not recognizing him; and (3) many Christians believe that at the end of this age there will be widespread turning of the hearts of our Jewish people back to God and his Messiah, ushering in the Messiah's return. Thus, they pray for this to take place and make every effort to help speed this process along by telling their Jewish friends and colleagues the good news about the Messiah.¹

The whole idea of Christians needing to validate their Christian faith by winning Jewish people is simply absurd. Christians believe in the Messiah because of the scriptures—both Old and New Testaments. While there may have been a few Christians in the first centuries who were frustrated because more Jews did not believe in the Messiah of their own Book, they did not need Jews to believe to confirm their faith. If anything, it only confirmed the same old story,

¹Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections*, 1ST ed. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000). See 196-199 for his full response to this objection. In this work, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response that is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response, after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his longer responses (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

generation after generation, that the Jews consistently rejected *their prophets*. If Christians in general believed that they needed Jewish converts to validate their faith, then one would expect massive amounts of money and time would be spent on outreach to the Jews. The fact of the matter is that funds for Jewish ministry have always been notoriously scarce.

On the Glory Road,

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Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) on fellowship and heaven:

“Heaven is the place of perfect holiness, the place of sinless service, the place of eternal glory; and there is nothing that will prepare us for heaven like the rest that Jesus gives. Heaven must be in us before we are in heaven; and he who has this rest has heaven begun below. Enoch was virtually in heaven while he walked with God on the earth [power of fellowship with God], and he had only to continue that holy walk to find himself actually in heaven. . . . The more we have of this blessed rest now, the better shall we be prepared for the rest that remaineth to the people of God . . .”