Romans 2:26-29 KJV

- (26) Therefore **if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law**, <u>shall not his</u> <u>uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?</u>
- (27) And shall not<u>uncircumcision which is by nature</u>, if it fulfill the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?
- (28) For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
- (29) But <u>he is a Jew</u>, <u>which is one inwardly</u>; and <u>circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit</u>, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

So, on the basis of these verses of Scripture, we who are Gentiles by natural birth but are filled with the Spirit of God ARE SPIRITUAL JEWS! ACTUAL JEWS!

In fact, those who are NATURALLY Jews AND are filled with the Spirit ARE FULLY SPIRITUAL JEWS AS WELL!

All of these Jews, whether Gentiles that are Spirit-filled OR Jews who are likewise Spirit-filled COMPRISE LATTER-DAYS ISRAEL!

See here:

Romans 11:1-7 KJV

- (1) I say then, **Hath God cast away his people?** God forbid. <u>For I also am an Israelite</u>, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin.
- (2) God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the Scripture saith of Elijah? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,
- (3) Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.
- (4) **But what saith the answer of God unto him?** <u>I have reserved to myself seven thousand</u> <u>men</u>, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of* Baal.
- (5) <u>Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant</u> according to the election of <u>grace</u>.
- (6) And **if by grace, then** *is it* **no more of works**: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
- (7) What then? **Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for**; <u>but the election hath</u> <u>obtained it</u>, and the rest were blinded.

Therefore, it is plain that the Gentiles who are Spiritual Jews ARE ISRAEL, "THE REMNANT" - BY GRACE!

And, what of the Natural Jews then? Here is what Paul says about them:

Romans 11:17-23 KJV

- (17) And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;
- (18) Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.
- (19) Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.
- (20) Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, <u>and thou standest by faith</u>. Be not highminded, but fear:
- (21) For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee.
- (22) Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.
- (23) <u>And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in</u>: for God is able to graft them in again.

- (24) For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: <u>how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted</u> <u>into their own olive tree?</u>
- (25) For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that **blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.**
- (26) <u>And so all Israel shall be saved</u>: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Thus, we and they are "ALL ISRAEL" - THE "SAVED"!

Okay! Then what does the benefit come to the Gentiles that become Spiritual Jews? Here's what befalls us Gentiles filled with God's Spirit:

Galatians 3:13-14 KJV

- (13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:
- (14) <u>That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles</u> through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

And WHAT IS "THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM"?

Genesis 12:1-3 tells us the answer to that question – and a Natural Jew knows these verses VERY WELL:

Genesis 12:1-3 KJV

- (1) Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:
- (2) And I will make of thee a great nation, and <u>I will bless thee</u>, and <u>make thy name great</u>; and <u>thou shalt be a blessing</u>:
- (3) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

The TRUE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM is NOT just that we will be blessed ourselves BUT THAT ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED BY AND THROUGH US!!!

We are the Circumcision – we are the most blessed of ALL mankind – and we are the ones who are MOST ABLE TO BLESS ALL OTHERS!!!

We are NOT merely the "Church" – the "ekklesia", or the "assembly" of consecrated ones – WE ARE ISRAEL!!! WE ARE JEWS!!!

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