



From the Minister...

Mission to Jews

I remember Bishop Paul Barnett once commenting at Moore College that if the Apostle Paul were alive today, he would find it very strange that we do not have a mission to the Jews.

In Acts 17 we're told Paul's custom was to preach first in the Jewish Synagogue upon entering a town. Even after Paul says 'From now on I will go to the Gentiles' (Acts 18:6), he still goes straight to the Synagogue at his next stop (Acts 18:19).

In his letter to the Romans, one of Paul's refrains is 'first for the Jew, then for the Gentile' (e.g. Rom 2:9, 10). In Rom 11:13-14 Paul says his fervour for his Gentile mission is based in part on wanting the Jews to be aroused to envy (at the gospel going to the Gentiles), and hopefully accept the gospel themselves. Paul goes on in that same chapter to outline how the Gentiles were grafted into the root, which is the nation of Israel. Gentile Christians have much to thank the nation of Israel for. They are the root we have been grafted in to.

It is for this reason that I hope our church will generously support the ministry of 'Jews for Jesus'. They are one of the few organisations that still take the gospel of Jesus Christ specifically to the Jews; just like the Apostle Paul would have wanted. If Paul were alive today, he would want Gentile Christians to share both prayerfully and financially in this mission to the Jews (cf. Rom 15:27)

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5 May Luke 18:1-17 | 12 May: Luke 18:18-30 | 19 May: Luke 18:31-19:10

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