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Definition Of The Gentiles

Why Did Paul Say Salvation To The Jew First, And Also To The Greek?

Tommy G. It all depends on the context of Scripture. I did some quick looking this morning in the Strong's and Gentile or Gentiles appears as four different Strong's words with their own meanings. I will put that below for you and everyone else (*it may appear more than what I listed*).

Since you are asking me, and with what I know about Scripture.

When I think of a Gentile or Gentile nation, I consider that to be a non-Christian or non-Christian nation. A "heathen nation", a "heathen or pagan people" as Gentile in G1484 and G1471 explain, (*Note Strong's G1484: "usually by implication **pagan**"*).

I say that not only due to the Strong's definition, but we are all a part of the same Branch.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

In our Bible study, "[Did We All Come From Adam And Eve?](#)", note the subsection [Are We All Of One Blood](#). I point out there, Gentile is talking about a "race" of people, that race of people would be non-Israelite people.

In this Bible question, that is really what we are talking about. Paul was basically saying, to the Israelite first, and then to the non-Israelite.

Paul inspired by God wrote Galatians and Romans. So when we bring it all together, we see Paul really leaving race out of it. All the people are treated

as one, God created all of us. He does not care if you are white, brown, purple or green. If He cared, He would not have created any of us like that. But He did, He loved it and loves us.

Our take away from all of this is to remember the whole point of the Israelite race of people. They were a special and holy people to God because He had/has a mission for them (Deuteronomy 7:6). To share God's Word with the world, (Acts 10:36, Mark 16:15). Today, that does not mean only an Israelite can share God's Word thankfully, but all people who love and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ as "there is neither Jew nor Greek" for we "are all one in Christ Jesus".

Gentiles: G1484 – found in 87 verses

*Probably from G1486; a race (as of the same habit), that is, a tribe; specifically a foreign (non-Jewish) one (**usually by implication pagan**): – Gentile, heathen, nation, people.*

Gentiles: H1471 – found in 28 verses

Apparently from the same root as H1465 (in the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence a Gentile; also (figuratively) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts: – Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

Gentiles: G1672 found in 6 verses

From G1671; a Hellen (Grecian) or inhabitant of Hellas; by extension a Greek speaking person, especially a non-Jew: – Gentile, Greek.

Gentiles: H2800 found in 3 verses

The same as H2799; Charosheth, a place in Palestine: – Harosheth.