

Condemnation of Anti-Semitism

Recent days have seen a troubling trend of growing anti-Semitism.¹ In numerous areas of the world, increasing expressions of animus against the Jewish people have been well documented.² This climate calls for a univocal response from the church of Jesus Christ.

Toward that end, on the basis of God's authoritative Word we condemn all forms of anti-Semitism and we affirm the following:

- All humans are created in God's image (Gen. 1:26–27; 3:20) and therefore have an intrinsic right to dignity and respect. Furthermore, God commands His followers to love their neighbors as themselves (Luke 10:27–37). All forms of racial prejudice—including anti-Semitic prejudice—are therefore an affront to God.
- Anti-Semitism is Satanically inspired (Gen. 3:15; Rev. 12:3, 13–17) and therefore has no valid place among the followers of Jesus Christ.
- God has promised to bless those who bless, and to curse those who curse, the Jewish people (Gen. 12:3).
- The Jewish people occupy a special place in the plan of God. They were entrusted with the oracles of God (Rom 3:1–2) and chosen to be the people through whom God would reveal Himself in the person of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:3). God's love for the Jewish people is everlasting (Jer. 31:3). His eschatological plans include a place of honor and prominence for the Jewish people in a restored national Israel (Jer. 31:1–40; Amos 9:11–15; Zech. 10:6–12; Rom. 11:11–29) at which time He will fulfill all the unconditional covenant promises He has made to them (Gen. 15:1–21; Deut. 29:1–30:20; 2 Sam. 7:11–16; Jer. 31:31–34). "God has not cast away His people [Israel] whom He foreknew" (Rom. 11:2, NKJV).³
- Christians should regard the Jewish people with heartfelt affection (Rom. 9:1–3; 10:1) and pray regularly for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6) and for the salvation of all people, including those who are Jewish (Romans 1:16; 10:1).

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¹ Merriam-Webster defines anti-Semitism as "hostility toward or discrimination against Jews as a religious, ethnic, or racial group."

² E.g. Reuters, "[Anti-Semitic Attacks Rise Worldwide in 2018, Led by U.S., West Europe](#)"; ADL, "[Anti-Semitic Incidents Remained at Near-Historic Levels in 2018; Assaults against Jews More Than Doubled](#)"; *New York Times*, "[The Old Scourge of Anti-Semitism Rises Anew in Europe](#)."

³ For additional detail on this point, see our 2008 "[Resolution Concerning Israel](#)" and article XVIII of the GARBC [Articles of Faith](#).