

*Who are the "Jews who are not Jews" mentioned in the Bible who are called members of the "synagogue of Satan"?*

The phrase "Jews who are not Jews" or "synagogue of Satan" refers to certain groups of Jews in the early Christian era who opposed and persecuted the Christian church[1][2]. These were people who were ethnically Jewish but were not considered "true Jews" in a spiritual sense because they had rejected Jesus as the Messiah[1][3]. There were historical conflicts between early Christian communities and certain Jewish groups in cities like Smyrna and Philadelphia[1][2]. From the Christian viewpoint of the time, a "true Jew" was considered to be anyone, regardless of ethnicity, who had embraced Jesus as the Messiah[1][3]. Old conflicts between Jews and Christians should not be revived as an excuse to disparage one another today.

Christians today generally demonstrate love and support for the Jewish people. Some Christian organizations, like the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, provide humanitarian aid to Jews without attempting to convert them, showing unconditional love despite theological differences[4]. There are examples of Christian congregations expressing solidarity with Jewish communities, even offering to protect them if threatened[4]. Christian theologians emphasize that God has not forsaken the Jewish people and that Christians should reject all forms of anti-Semitism[5]. True believers have often reached out to help Jews, even at great personal risk, as exemplified during the Holocaust[6].

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