

# “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.”

*Psalm 116:15*

**B**orn January 28, 1923 in Los Angeles, Louis Goldberg is the son of Nathan and Minnie Goldberg.

He married Claire Berman July 14, 1944. In January, 1948, Louis came to faith in Jesus.

Louis was a graduate of the University of Southern California, with a B.E. While working as an engineer, Louis’s technician assistant challenged him to consider Y’shua as the Messiah. He addressed Louis’s



*Dr. Goldberg and his wife, Claire*

objections one by one, until Louis finally said, “You know what Judaism teaches. The Messiah who will come can be more than a man, perhaps a super-man, but never God!” Louis tells the story,

“At this, my technician friend fell silent and then spoke in words which I have never forgotten: ‘If you truly want to know who the real Jesus is, then you must read the New Covenant record for yourself, very intently. I don’t want to argue about who the real Jesus is. He Himself will speak to your heart.’” And He did. Two months after Louis received the Lord, Claire did likewise.

To Louis and Claire, one child, Stephanie, was born. They had two special grandchildren: Elasheva and Aaron Ariel Anderson.

Louis furthered his education with an M.A. from Roosevelt University, a B.D. and Th.M. from Northern Baptist Seminary and a Th.D. from Grace Theological Seminary.

He pastored several churches and taught at Tennessee Temple Schools and Moody Bible Institute from 1965-1993. While at Moody he headed the Jewish studies department and mentored many of the Jews for Jesus staff who were in that program. Among the Jews for Jesus who benefited from his tutelage is David Brickner, our executive director. David, in his eulogy for Dr. Goldberg, said, “My life

and ministry to this day is indelibly imprinted, not just with the depth of his teaching but with the grace I observed in him, and by which he lived and served others. I well remember the many hours spent in the Goldberg family apartment, celebrating Jewish holidays or celebrating for no specific reason at all. His home and his heart were open to all his students.”

Jews for Jesus founder Moishe Rosen says, “The thing I loved about him was his amazing ability to stay neutral in making himself available to various Jewish ministries. He was a man of peace who never got caught up in the tensions that sometimes exist in our field. He also bore more than most people know for the faith, as his father blamed the death of his mother on ‘a broken heart’ which he said was caused by Louis and his brother’s belief in Jesus.”

Louis Goldberg never purchased a home of his own, though he understood why many friends and colleagues advised him to do so. He had chosen to rent as a reminder that this earth was not his permanent home.

Dr. Goldberg served on the Jews for Jesus board of directors for many years and became scholar-in-residence with Jews for Jesus from 1994-2000. As such, he lived in our New York center. He not only had a part in mentoring all missionary staff who trained with us during those years, but he was a father (or grandfather) figure to many.

Louis Goldberg’s teaching is world renowned and includes over 30 summers teaching in Israel and two extended periods in Odessa, Ukraine teaching the Bible to new Jewish believers.

Dr. Goldberg wrote numerous books, including Bible study commentaries. He was part of the Old Testament translation team for the NIV and



*Dr. Goldberg, Claire and daughter Stephanie*

NKJV Bibles. He also contributed articles to *Wycliffe Commentary*; *Theological Word Study*; *Tyndale Family Bible Encyclopedia* and the *Bible Expositor and Illuminator*. Most recently in May, 2002, he edited and completed *Counterpoints: Two Views on Messianic Movements*.

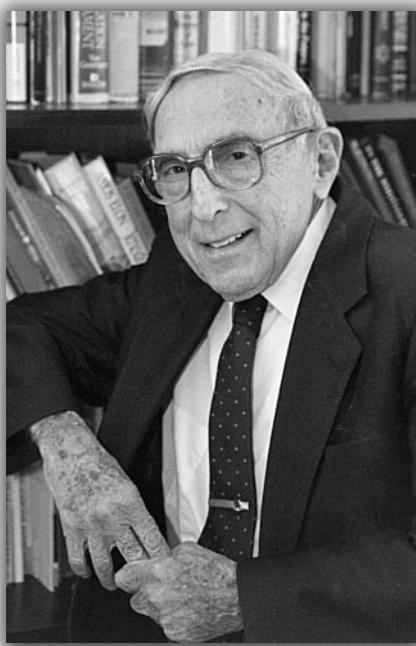
Louis Goldberg touched the lives of thousands of students and his legacy of scholarship and evangelism will remain alive in those students' service to the Lord until Jesus returns.

Dr. Louis Goldberg passed into the Lord's presence on October 22, 2002. He was preceded by his beloved Claire. Rich will be his reward for faithful service.

He will be missed more than you could know by reading this simple tribute. Dr. Goldberg is one of the last (if not the last) of what might be described as "Fundamentalist Hebraists"—one who could study in the original languages and who was steeped in the traditions of our people; one who was well acquainted with Jewish scholarship material and who held to a strict interpretation of inerrancy. Fifty years ago there were dozens of believers who could serve as authorities on Jewish teachings and the Bible. Sadly, that is no longer the case.

There is no doubt that this was God's time to call Louis Goldberg home, but the great work that he did can go forward if we but realize the value of it and care to see it continue.

We are setting up a special fund, the **Louis and Claire Goldberg Memorial Fund for Messianic Studies**. We want



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to name this fund after the Goldbergs because their humility, diligence and Christian character are an example to all who knew them.

The purpose of this special fund is to develop scholars who can speak authoritatively on Jewish teaching and Christianity. You can help by giving a memorial gift, which we will invest conservatively. We will use the earnings of the fund to finance

worthy Jewish Christians

who wish to study for ministry on a doctoral level. Depending on what is given for this memorial fund, we might undertake to enable two or three such scholars whose work will contribute to the messianic understanding of the Scriptures.

If you have been impressed with the life of Louis Goldberg and the faithfulness of his wife, Claire, if you have been touched by their humility as well as come to profound understandings of the Scripture through them, perhaps you would want to perpetuate their name and their example.

There is no guarantee that we can find people of the same caliber, but we would like to search for them—and be ready to help them prepare an arsenal of understanding for the battle over hearts and minds. No person ever replaces another in God's economy; each is unique. But in the Goldbergs, we found people whose example should be held up to inspire and help others.

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