

Romans 11.1-24

11:1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? 3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” 4 But what is God's reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” 5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. 7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, 8 as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.” 9 And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; 10 let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever.” 11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. 12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! 13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? 16 If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. 19 Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. 22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. 23 And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Chs 9-11 UNBELIEF of the JEWS – esp. WHY? Have God’s Promises Failed?

1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

1.16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

3.21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

Chapter 9 Israel’s FALL – God’s Purpose of ELECTION

Chapter 10 Israel’s FAULT – God’s dismay of their DISOBEDIENCE

Chapter 11 Israel’s FUTURE – God’s WISDOM and GENEROSITY

Paul’s MINISTRY is NOT Jewish Evangelism > APOSTLE to GENTILES

PASSIONATE about Work that is NOT Directly linked to his MAIN FOCUS

Passion is KINGDOM CENTERED > Power of God thru Gospel to ALL People

ONE of Most DIFFICULT places in Romans / 2 Main QUESTIONS – v. 1, 11

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11.11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall?

HAS GOD REJECTED HIS PEOPLE? > They rejected His Beloved SON

v. 1 Paul is PROOF that God has NOT Rejected Israel > He has been SAVED

Autobiographical Reason

Paul the CHIEF SINNER was Object of God’s PATIENCE, MERCY, GRACE

Paul MIGHT have SHUT Down the Entire CHRISTIAN Movement / Stephen

“Lord if you Saved Me! You can Save THEM too!” ENCOURAGEMENT

v. 2 DOCTRINAL Reason > God CHOSE His People

SCRIPTURAL Reason > Paul might have FELT ALONE like Elijah did

Nicodemus / Joseph of Arimathea

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. Acts 6.7

17 When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. 18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. Acts 21.17-20

v. 5 PRESENT TIME > New Covenant ERA of Church of Jesus

v. 6 GRACE by FAITH Save ONLY One Way of Salvation, For ALL, TIME

OT taught People are SAVED BY GRACE > NEVER by the LAW

ONE GOSPEL for the ONE PEOPLE of God for ALL TIME

People of God LOST SIGHT of Need for Grace – Looked Righteous, Religious

TRUSTED in their OWN Works – Their OWN MOTOR of Works Kicked IN

Luke 18 – Parable of Pharisee and Publican – Prayed TO HIMSELF

“God is gracious to me BECAUSE _____” any word but God is Heresy!

GRACE is NO LONGER Grace when WE THINK we Contribute to IT

Characteristic of RELIGIOUS people > We are DOING SOMETHING Good

JUSTIFIED by DYING “Now he has ENTERED a BETTER PLACE”

HOW?? By Dying?? Or by TRUSTING in Jesus Christ??

DYING does not EARN ANY FAVOR – Does not IMPROVE OUR SOULS

If you DIE and are NOT TRUSTING in Jesus > NOT Entered a Better Place!

Some say they need to TOP UP or ADD TO what God has DONE

“God helps them who help themselves” – Not Bible but Benjamin Franklin

GRACE > God helps them who CANNOT HELP Themselves

NATURAL Disposition > Must be Something GOOD in Me to Deserve Grace

MOST Humbling Truth in Bible > Only way of Salvation is by Grace thru Faith

v. 7 Conclusion – Confirmation – ISRAEL Failed to Obtain what were Seeking

ELECT Obtained but REST WERE HARDENED

Ps 69 – 2nd most Quoted VS. in Bible / Rest were HARDENED

v. 9 Table to Snare > Toy turns from one to Another

TABLE > Prepared for Feasting, Enjoying, Fellowship God’s Provision

Paul had SPREAD Table before Jews in many Synagogues > ANGRY Response

God’s STRANGE Work > PROMISE of Salvation brings CURSING

Acts > Paul STARTED in Synagogue – SENT OUT – Preach to GENTILES

Think they OVERTHROW Table of God only HARDENS their HEARTS

Tell people to OBEY LAW they Quietly Agree: PRIDE of Works in Unbelievers

NOT Rejoicing in JEWS Loss – NOT Anti-Semitic

Sees HEBREW Scriptures as a BOOK ABOUT JESUS

Romans 1, 4 > PROMISES according to HEBREW Scriptures

TABLE > BOUNTY of Grace has HARDENED Them from GRACIOUS God

BODY was SORE from STONING, FLOGGING 39 Lashes 4 times!

2 Corinthians 11.22-29

2nd Question of Chapter 11...

v.11 Should there be a TOTALITY – Forever? Falling? GOD FORBID!

Purpose of STUMBLING is Not that they'll be LOST FOREVER! Impossible!

v. 11 OBSERVATION > Seen with OWN EYES

TRESPASS led to TURNING of the GENTILES

v. 12-15 IMPLICATION > How much MORE?

Paul REJECTED from Synagogue > Into STREETS, MARKETS, Lecture Halls

Rejected by HAILI Church > Brought us to ASIA – Central and Eastern

Full Meaning – WIDELY Debated > Ezek 37 Dry Bones will LIVE

NOT YET happened in Israel > LIFE from the DEAD! Israel Restored to Life

v. 16 CONFIRMATION – Firstfruits are SYMBOL > ALL Belongs to Lord

v. 13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

PAUL was JEALOUS of what he SAW in Stephen > Hellenist, Biblical,
Compassion, Confidence > If was LIE would he DIE for It?

Does ANYONE look at us and GET JEALOUS for the Love of God we Have?

Or do they see Hypocrisy? Legalism? Someone NO DIFFERENT than them?

v. 17-18 HUMILITY and COMPASSION > You are IN because of Jesus alone

SUPPORTED by God's Covenant MERCY

EVIDENCE that you are SAVED > HUMBLE before God's KINDNESS

Card in WALLET of Judas > APOSTOLIC Treasurer but CUT OFF

v. 23,24 Only ONE WAY of Salvation > Jews may Enter by Repentance & Faith
HOPE for the NATURAL Branches > God LET YOU into THEIR Place!

HOW MUCH More will God let the RIGHTFUL People back to their OLD Place
v. 14,15,23,24

LANDLESS – OPPOSED – PERSECUTED – HATED – SURROUNDED Jews
They are STILL SURVIVING after MANY Years of SUFFERING

LIQUID CONTINENT – Jesus is PREACHED but Misunderstood, Rejected!

RELIGION has SWALLOWED the RELATIONSHIP – Out of FOCUS