

# ROMANS

Chapter 11:1-36

Hope for the future

# A review of last couple of weeks...

- Chapter 9 showed us...
  - God gets to make the choice
  - He will show mercy to whoever He wants to
  - No one can criticize **GOD** for *His* choice
- Chapter 10 showed us...
  - God *did*, not only what He wanted, but He told all mankind through the Law and prophets what He was going to do **for all mankind – *through Christ***
  - Israel was lost - not because God willed it (even though He predicted it) - but because *they* **chose** to reject Christ

# Israel spared by God

- Paul, having demonstrated God's case to us asks us this question: "God has not rejected His people, has He?"
  - Paul says 'No way!' or "Far from it!"
  - Paul reinforces the answer with the thought that any true Israelite would be abhorred by the idea that God would just "shrug His shoulders" and say "Oh well" about **His chosen people – *in faith***

# Israel spared by God

- Romans 11:2-5

- Paul shows us God's grace at work

- This **is not** salvation by works on Israel's behalf

- This **is not** salvation because of blood lineage

- This **is** God's choice to extend grace to whomever He wills

- Paul demonstrates God's recognition of a remnant then and now

- That remnant is selected by the grace of God

# Israel spared by God

- God's grace is just that – a gift, not earned – v 6
  - Those saved had no claim to salvation by works
  - Paul understood grace well, and taught about it often
    - Gal 2:11-21 – “I do not nullify the grace of God”
    - Gal 5:1-6 – “fallen from grace”
    - Grace is given by God to whomever He chooses – it is not earned – and trying to ***earn it by adding requirements*** to get it will lead to its loss.

# Israel spared by God

- Israel sought for righteousness but rejected it
  - Righteousness CANNOT be found by WORKS
    - Some found it by GRACE – faith in Christ
    - The rest were hardened
      - Israel **did not** fail because they were hardened
      - Israel **was** hardened because they failed
  - Vs 8-10 detail God's judgement upon an obstinate people who were hardened by their failure to obey God

# Israel's salvation is still possible

- Israel's stumble was not an irrevocable fall from grace v11-14
  - Their stumble led to the elevation of the Gentiles to sons and daughters of Christ
    - Their elevation was designed to cause jealousy
    - God working providentially to save some Jews
  - Their wrongdoing led to the elevation of nations into the Kingdom, and spiritual riches for the Gentiles
  - Paul used his Gentile ministry to induce Jewish envy

# Israel's salvation is still possible

- “For” – an explanation of vs 15&16
  - Paul shows his hope that Israel will **CHOOSE** to return to the grace of God
  - He compares the Jewish reconciliation to The resurrections of life from the dead (Ezekial 37:1-14)
  - He compares Israel to the firstfruit offering (Num 15:17-21) and the root of their civilization – their fathers – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (vs28)



# Israel's salvation is still possible

- Paul uses the olive tree as a metaphor
  - Jews were “broken off” from the root (17)
  - Gentiles were “grafted in” to become nourished by the root (17)
  - Gentiles warned against arrogance and conceit(18-20)
  - Gentiles warned of the consequence of stumbling as the Jews did (21)
  - Mankind is shown the kindness of God towards believers and the severity of disbelief (22-24)

# Israel's salvation is still possible

- Conditional assurance of Israel's salvation (25-27)
  - V 23 – “**IF** they do not continue in their unbelief”
    - Sets the conditions for v 25&26; Acts 27:20-31
  - Paul wants the Gentiles to understand the “big picture” of this mystery made know by divine revelation.
    - “so that you will not be wise in your own estimation”
    - The hardening of much of Israel (v 7-10)
    - “until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in” For as long as the gospel goes on – till time ends

