

## GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION INCLUDES ISRAEL – PART 4

--ROMANS 11:11-24--

### INTRODUCTION:

Last Sunday we began to look at an expanded version of the illustration that Paul had used of a tree and its root. The root represented Abraham and the patriarchs and had been declared holy to the Lord, the branches, that which the root produced, represented the descendants of Abraham and as such were also holy to the Lord.

Some of those branches had been broken off because of unbelief, and a wild olive branch, representing the Gentile portion of the church, was grafted in. Then Paul warned the Gentiles to not become arrogant and proud as salvation was not from them, but from the root. Paul warned that if God had not spared some of His covenant people because of unbelief, He would not spare the apostate church for their unbelief.

This morning we will look at the kindness and severity of God, the end to my only point last week, and then look at the promise God made to Israel at the end of this passage.

### I. GOD'S KINDNESS AND SEVERITY (Romans 11:22)

- a. Paul had already spoken of the breaking off of unbelieving Israel and the grafting in of the Gentiles in these three chapters devoted to Israel and her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in God's plan of redemption. (Romans 9:30-32)
- b. Paul goes on in verse 22 to speak of the \_\_\_\_\_ and severity of God.
- c. God's people, the nation of Israel, experienced God's \_\_\_\_\_ when they fell because of their unbelief.
- d. Paul then moves from God's severity to His kindness and \_\_\_\_\_ those in the present who have identified themselves with the saving Gospel. John 15:4, 9-10; Philippians 2:12-13)
- e. Because of God's covenant relationship with Abraham that then extended to the nation of Israel, there were many Jewish unbelievers that \_\_\_\_\_ in the blessings of the covenant.

### II. GOD'S PROMISE (Romans 11:23-24)

- a. Paul ends this section with a \_\_\_\_\_ made by God to those Israelites who were cut off because of their unbelief. (Zechariah 12:10; Ezekiel 37:21-28)
- b. Paul reminds his Gentile readers that they had been taken from a wild olive tree and contrary to \_\_\_\_\_ had been grafted into a cultivated olive tree.

### CONCLUSION:

We finished this section, but it had a whole lot of information packed into those few verses. Next week Lord willing we will begin the final section of Romans 11.

God's plan of redemption includes Israel, as a nation she has been partially broken off and set aside because of her unbelief, but the day is coming when as a nation she will recognize her Messiah that she crucified and she will no longer continue in unbelief, but will repent and put her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior, Lord and Messiah. Then God will pour out the millennial blessing on the earth, the curse will be lifted, and the nation of Israel will become the holy people of God that He intended them to be.

For the church we have days of struggle ahead of us as apostasy grows in the church. We as a local church must be on guard and alert to keep the lies of deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons from infiltrating our ranks. We must stand on the Word of God and that means doing what it says and making it the only and final authority in all things. We must never allow experience or feelings or even conscience to have more authority in our life than God's Word, written to us to guide us and lead us through life. If we are to make it the final authority that means we must know what it says and to know what it says we must be reading it and studying it. If you are doing neither then you need to start by reading it. Is the Word of God more important than your social media or your games? If you are spending more times on those and less on God's Word, you need to evaluate your time. Apostasy is growing rapidly do not get sucked in because you do not know what God's Word says.