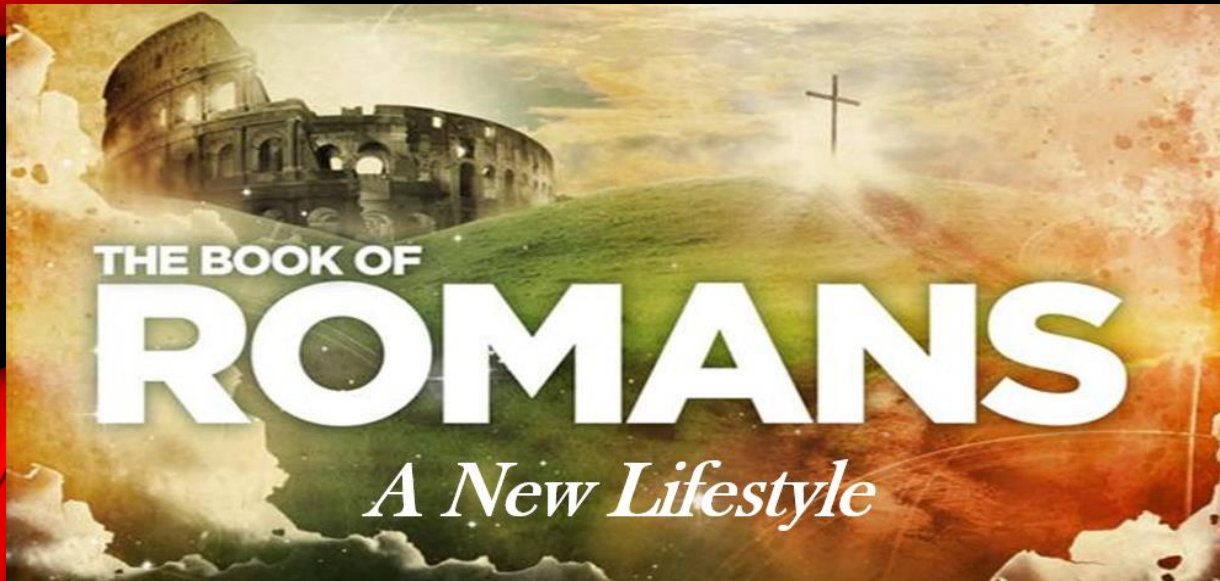


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SRMBC 1ST & 2ND QTR BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
1/10/2018	Good News from God	Romans 1:1 -17
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5/16/2018	Our Struggle with Sin	Romans 7:7 – 25
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Romans: A New Lifestyle: Lesson 14: The Future of Israel Romans 11

The Apostle Paul – The Letter to the Romans

- **Author:** Romans 1:1 identifies the author of the Book of Romans as the apostle Paul.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Romans was likely written A.D. 56-58.
- **Purpose of Writing:** His purpose in writing was to proclaim Jesus Christ by teaching doctrine and edify and encourage the believers.

The Book Of Romans Tells Us:

- About **God**, who He is and what He has done.
- It tells us of **Jesus Christ**, what His death and resurrection accomplished.
- It tells us **about ourselves**, what we were like without Christ and who we are after trusting in Christ.



Group Discussion:

Do you think Jewish people today are still God's chosen people? Why or why not?

Why They Are:

- God's Plan of Salvation Came through the Jews.
- God has not forgotten His people – He still has an everlasting love for them.
- God's Promises to Israel are good and yet to be completed.

Why They Are Not:

- Unbelief of the Gospel - Everyone is saved by repentance and believing the Gospel.
- Rejection of their Messiah – Jesus Christ.
- At present, God is not working with Israel – but with the Gentiles/The Church.

Does that mean, then, that physical Jews cannot be saved? Not at all. Any Jew after the flesh can become part of God's family just like any non-Jew can. How? By obeying the gospel.

Romans 11:1 - 5 (NKJV)

1 I say then, **has God cast away His people?** Certainly not! For **I also am an Israelite**, of the seed of **Abraham**, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 **God has not cast away** His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the **Scripture says of Elijah**, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

3 “Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, **and I alone am left**, and they seek my life”?

4 But what does the divine response say to him? “**I have reserved for Myself** seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

5 Even so then, **at this present time** there is a remnant according to the **election of grace**.

Romans 11:6 - 10 (NKJV)

6 And if **by grace**, then it is **no longer of works**; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

7 What then? **Israel has not obtained what it seeks**; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

8 Just **as it is written**: "God has given them a **spirit of stupor**, Eyes that they **should not see** And ears that they **should not hear**, To this very day."

9 And **David says**: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them.

10 Let their **eyes be darkened**, so that they do not see, And **bow down their back always**."

Romans 11:11 - 16 (NKJV)

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? **Certainly not!** But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, **salvation has come to the Gentiles**.

12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, **how much more their fullness!**

13 For I speak **to you Gentiles**; inasmuch as I am an **apostle to the Gentiles**, I magnify my ministry,

14 if by any means I may **provoke to jealousy** those who are my flesh and save some of them.

15 For if their being cast away is the **reconciling of the world**, what will their acceptance be but **life from the dead**?

16 For if the **firstfruit is holy**, the lump is also holy; and if the **root is holy**, so are the branches.

1. How does Paul know that God has not rejected his people (vv. 1-6)?

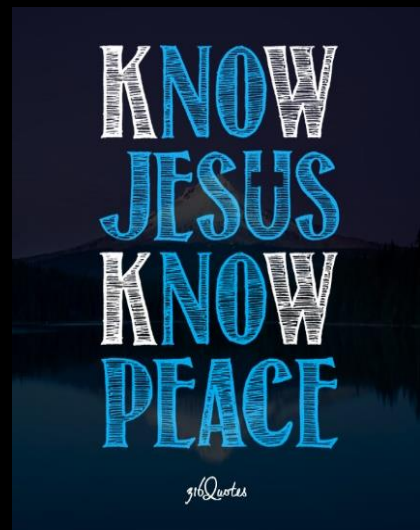
How Paul knows of God's Faithfulness:

- Paul, an Israelite himself, is a disciple/follower of Christ. In other words, God had saved him.
- God's foreknowledge – His future plans have always included the Jews.
- God's Character from an example of Scripture (I Kings 19:10) Elijah thought He was the only true believer – but God always has a remnant.
- Just as in the past, today God has a remnant of true believers among the Jews.
- It is all done by the Grace of God. We can trust in God's grace.

2. What were the spiritual consequences for those Israelites who rejected Jesus Christ (vv. 7-10)? Why are these consequences inevitable for anyone who persistently rejects the gospel?

Spiritual Consequences for rejecting Jesus (Isa. 29:10, Ps. 69:22 – 23)

- Spiritual Blindness – The way of Salvation cannot be seen (even though it is right before you).
- Spiritual Hardness – A mind and heart callous and unreceptive to the Gospel.
- Spiritual Hardships – A life full of trouble, stress and difficulty (Know Jesus. Know peace. No Jesus, No Peace).



3. How did Israel's rejection of Christ result in riches for others (vv.11-16)?

- The Jewish rejection of the gospel caused the apostles to turn to the Gentiles (see Acts 13:46-48; 18:6).
- Their rejection of the gospel brought salvation to the Gentiles.
- According to Paul, the Gentile's Salvation will ultimately make Israel envious and lead many of them to embrace Jesus Christ.

Israel experienced not a permanent fall, but a stumbling. The purpose of their stumble is to allow for the salvation of the Gentiles.

4. Why is Paul convinced that even greater blessings will come from the Jews acceptance of Christ (vv. 11-16)?

- Paul surmises that since Israel's rejection has great benefit to have the world hear and be saved by the Gospel -how much greater the blessing when they accept Jesus.
- The blessing/riches of a greater number of believers in God's Family.
- The Joy of differences being dissolved between people groups.
- The great richness of the fulfilment of God's plan and purpose to save the world.

Romans 11:17 – 21 (NKJV)

17 And if **some of the branches were broken off**, and you, being a wild olive tree, **were grafted in** among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,

18 **do not boast** against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but **the root supports you**.

19 You will say then, “**Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.**”

20 Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. **Do not be haughty, but fear.**

Romans 11:21 – 24 (NKJV)

21 For if God **did not spare the natural branches**, He may not spare you either.

22 Therefore **consider the goodness and severity of God**: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

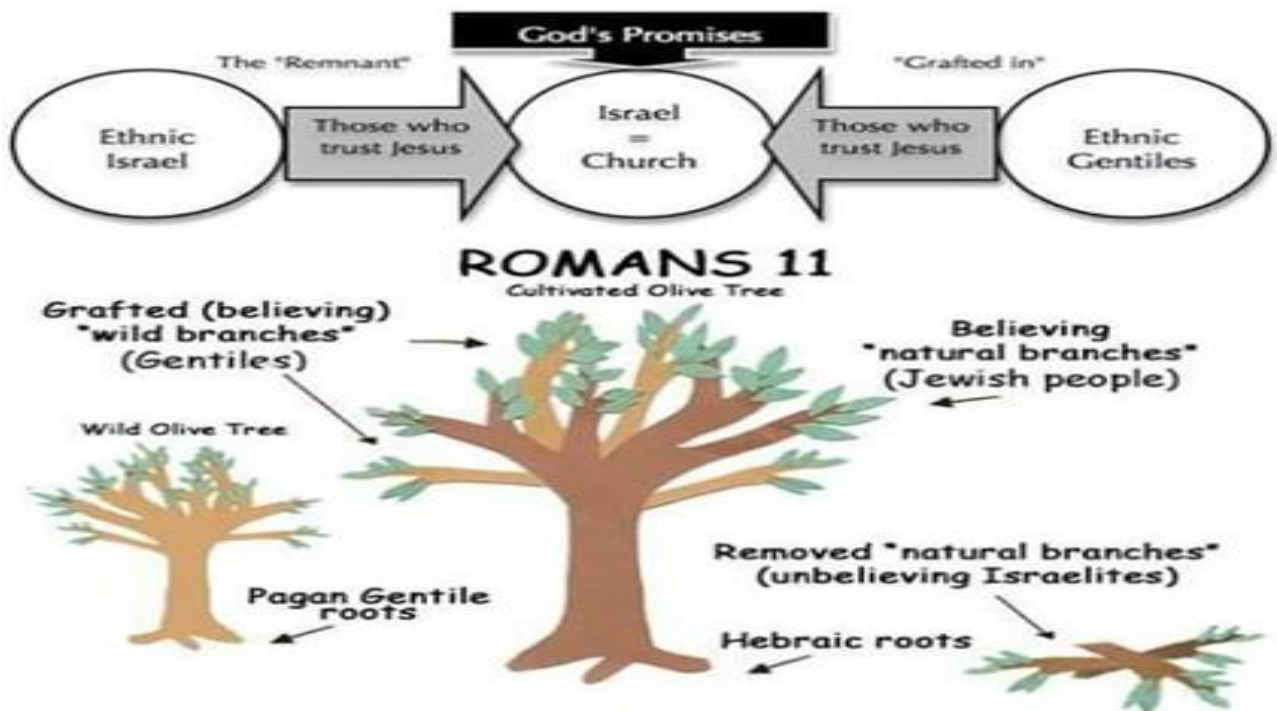
23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for **God is able to graft them in again**.

24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is **wild by nature**, and **were grafted** contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, **how much more** will these, who are **natural branches**, be grafted into **their own olive tree**?

5. Why should Paul's illustration of the olive tree prevent believing Gentiles from feeling superior to unbelieving Israelites (vv. 17-24)?

- The promises of salvation, grace and blessing in Christ were first delivered from God through the Israelites.
- We, the gentiles, by God's grace, are grafted into the promises made to the Israelites.
- Israelites are/were God's original branches – but were broken off in unbelief.

The same can happen to us (Gentiles) if we fall into unbelief and reject Christ and His Gospel.



Romans 11:25 – 29 (NKJV)

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be **ignorant of this mystery**, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the **fullness of the Gentiles** has come in.

26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come **out of Zion**, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For this is My covenant with them, **When I take away their sins.**”

28 Concerning **the gospel** they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are **beloved for the sake of the fathers.**

29 For the **gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**

Romans 11:30 – 34 (NKJV)

30 For as **you were once disobedient to God**, yet have now **obtained mercy** through their disobedience,

31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that **through the mercy shown you** they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have **mercy on all.**

33 Oh, the **depth of the riches** both of the **wisdom and knowledge of God**! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 “For who has known **the mind of the Lord**? Or who has become His counselor?”

Romans 11:35 – 36 (NKJV)

35 “Or **who has first given to Him** And it shall be repaid to him?”

36 For **of Him** and **through Him** and **to Him** are **all things**, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

6. In light of verses 25-32, how would you respond to the claim that God no longer has a special relationship with ethnic Israel?

- God has a plan to save His people – no matter what it looks like right now (Ps. 14:7).
- God's election/foreknowledge along with faithfulness of their ancestors (Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, etc.) allows God to love Israel.
- God has not forgotten them but has temporarily set them aside until the fulness of the Gentiles have come to salvation.
- God's calling of Israel as His people has not been or cannot be revoked.
- God's grace and mercy overrules their (and our) disobedience.

7. In this chapter Paul has argued that Israel's unbelief is partial (vv. 1-10), purposeful (vv. 11-16) and temporary (vv. 25-32). How does this make him feel about God (vv. 33-36)?

Paul breaks out in exuberant Praise as He thinks about the attributes of God:

- **Worshipful** – Paul is in awe of the depth of the riches of both the wisdom and knowledge of God.
- **Humble** - The greatness of the Mind and the Will of God – Higher and Greater than anyone on the earth.
- **Thankful** – Understanding that the riches of the Glory of God are all far more than we ever think or imagine.
- **Hopeful** - Because God is so great Paul/we can entrust his future and the future of all mankind to His capable Hands.

8. How can Paul's description of God in verses 33-36 encourage you to trust and praise him?

- Since Paul, the Apostle of Christ is praising Lord, He is an example of why we should trust and praise Him.
- As Paul described Him, we can conclude that God is Great and He is greatly to be praised.
- As God has not forgotten His chosen – Israel, I/we can trust God to always love and take care of me.



KEYS FOR LIVING

- *God has never forgotten His chosen people Israel. Even today, while most of Israel is mired in unbelief, God has a remnant of Jewish believers who are committed to following Christ.*
- *While we can rightly point out that Israel was wrong for rejecting Jesus as their Messiah, if we continue to reject Him as Savior and Lord, we too, will suffer the same fate.*
- *Although it may not look like it, God's plans for the Salvation will come to pass. His ways of accomplishing His plans are greater than what our limited minds can conceive.*



QUESTIONS

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