

## **Romans 11:11-24      Gentile believers – appreciate your place      19.01.20**

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### **Context**

1] Paul to Gentile church in Rome –

1) lays out the Good news – we are set right with God through faith in Jesus (chs 1-8)

2) deal with God's place of the Jews (chs 9-11)

2] Gospel – everyone, Jew and Gentile, who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (10:12f)

3] Jews = disobedient/disbelieving (10:21) but a remnant is saved by God through grace (11:6)

### **Has God lost it? (11 12)**

1] *I ask (11a, cf 10:19; 11:1),*

2] Does the Jewish 'stumble' lead to a fall (11b) (fall = final separation with God)

*Is God finished with the Jews?*

3] By no means (11c)

*Is absolutely / emphatically not! (cf 6:2; 11:1)*

*\*God allows His people to stumble not to fall away completely\**

*\*Don't be afraid to speak with passion of the things of God\**

4] through trespass, salvation has come to the gentile so as to make Israel Jealous (11d)

*Is thru sin / judgement of God....salvation has been brought to the Gentiles ... effect of making Jews jealous*

*Cf Trespass (5:15-20)*

*Nb Salvation to everyone who believes (1:16)*

*Is Saved from God's wrath (5:9)*

*Cf Salvation (Lk 1:69,77; 2:30; 3:6; 19:9)*

*\*God uses even our sin for good.\**

*\*JESUS Through all of our trespass Jesus brought salvation\**

5] If the trespass / failure of the Jews means riches for world / the gentiles – how much more their inclusion (12)

*ie the Jews failure has brought blessing – How much more will their inclusion/ obedience!*

*Nb The riches of His glory (9:23)*

*\*Expect an outpouring of blessing when the Jews come in / believe.\**

### **Speaking to Gentiles - "No he hasn't"! (13-16)**

1] speaking specifically to Gentiles (13a)

*Cf you and rest of Gentiles (1:13)*

*Nb Apostle to the Gentiles (cf Acts 9:15; Gal 2:8)*

*\*God has sent His message to us Gentiles\**

2] 'glorify' my apostleship to the Gentiles to make my people (Jews)jealous(13b,14)

*Cf Salvation is from the Jews (Jn 4:22)*

*\*God sent an apostle to the Gentiles – to welcome them in.\**

3] Their rejection – reconciliation...Their acceptance – life from the dead (15)

*Is Paul's gospel anticipates outpouring of blessing when Jews believe*

*Nb the wages of sin are death (6:23)*

*The Jews – an instrument of light and salvation to the world (Gen 12:3; Is 49:6)*

*Salvation is from the Jews (John 4:22)*

*Life from the dead – the restoration of all things (Mt 24:32,33) {Israel = fig tree}*

*Jesus became 'a vessel of wrath' for us (Matt 27:46) a curse (Gal 3:13)*

4] Dough (first fruit) = holy – lump = Holy. Also root holy so are branches

*Nb Figtree is a symbol of Israel (Matt 24:32)*

*Ie because forefathers consecrated so too descendants*

*Cf first fruits to the whole lump = holy (Nu 15:19-21)*

*(Cf believing and unbelieving spouse (1 Cor 7:14))*

### **Attitude of Gentiles to Jews? (17-20a)**

1] Arrogance (17,18)

a) Wild shoot grafted in now share in the 'richness of the root'

*\*GRACE The root, God's promise to the patriarchs, is what sustains life of His people\**

b) You are supported by that root - not vice versa.

*\*note - The root, promises to the patriarchs, is what sustain the tree – ISRAEL\**

*\*Do not be arrogant to the Jews\**

2] Pride (19,20)

a) I have been grafted in their stead

b) Issue = belief

*ie their unbelief and your belief.*

*Nb proud of boasting excluded (3:27)*

*the work of God is to believe in the one he has sent (John 6:29)*

*\*God breaks off branches through unbelief\**

### **So Gentiles – do not be proud but fear(20b-)**

1] Fear God

*\*Be humble and fearful of God\**

2] God did not spare natural branches, and neither will He with 'wild' (21)

*\*God is a serious / uncompromising judge\**

3] Note – God's nature-(22)

a) the alternatives

1) Kindness

*\*God is kind - gracious and merciful\**

2) severity

*\*Note the kindness and severity of God\**

b) the consequence – cut off

4] God can reinstate (23,24)

a) God's power to reinstate believing natural branches (23)

*cf God welcomes back His repentant people (Lk15:22)*

*\*God is sovereign\**

b) The comparison – grafting in a wild to a cultivated or a natural branch (24)

*nb The Christians = inheritors of, participants with the faithful Jewish 'stock' (1Pet 2:9,10)*

*\* Appreciate your position as a wild shoot in the cultivated olive tree of Israel\**

**KV** (24)

**MP** *Don't be proud – if you were included in Israel by grace, how much more will God not reintroduce faithful Jews to the heritage of their forefathers.*