

What purpose did Israel's unbelief have in God's plan (*Romans 11:11-24*)?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Message #78: No Place For Pride

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Sermon
Notes

Quotes to Ponder

As far as man's part is concerned, salvation has always been and will always be by faith and faith alone. It is, of course, God's sovereign grace that makes faith possible, acceptable, and effective, but His grace will not save apart from faith.

John MacArthur

No one knows the grace of God who does not know the fear of God.

Keith Krell

In a sense, the converted Jew is the only normal human being in the world.

C. S. Lewis

The salvation of the Gentiles is not the end of the story, as if God were finished with Israel. All Israel—that is, some future generation of Israel—will turn to Christ and be saved, because of the mercy shown to the Gentiles. Their disobedience leads to our salvation. Our salvation will lead to their salvation.

John Piper

Standing by faith means that you have received God's mercy, confessed your sin, and you have run to the cross for forgiveness. But even that is not the end of it. To stand by faith means that you live each day by faith, trusting in God's mercy to you in Jesus Christ, knowing that you have no other hope.

Ray Pritchard

God's plans for Israel and all nations are all about His grace. And the most ridiculous response to seeing our place in God's historic plan of grace is to be puffed up with pride. If you know who God is & who you are & what it means to be right with God, it makes absolutely no sense to be proud.

Mark Vaughan

The best corrective against pride ... is to know God, His character and the truth about Him.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

Romans 8:13 —

Colossians 1:22-23 —

2. Read *Romans 11:16*. What does *the first piece of dough* represent?

2 Corinthians 13:5 —

Hebrews 3:6, 12-14 —

The lump?

Why were some of the natural branches cut off (*Romans 11:20*)? Who do these branches represent?

The root?

Can these branches that were cut off be grafted back into the tree? If so, how (*Romans 11:23*)?

The branches?

What does the word *holy* mean in this verse?

What is the danger of neglecting either *the kindness* or *the severity of God* (*Romans 11:22*)?

How does Paul describe the attitude we should guard against in *Romans 11:18, 20, and 25*?

Is Paul saying in *Romans 11:17-24* that Jewish and Gentile believers can be cut off and lose their salvation? Explain.

What is Paul wanting the Gentile Christians to do or not do in the following verses?

What has Paul already taught about salvation in *Romans 6:3-11; 8:1-2, 14-17, 33-39*?

Romans 11:18-21 —

Is Paul contradicting what he's already said about a believer's security?

Romans 11:22 —

Romans 11:23-24 (what should they believe?) —

How does *Romans 11:21* make you feel? Does it motivate you to realize your own shortcomings and make you fully rely on God's grace? Or does it push you to live a life of works out of fear?

What does Paul mean when he says, *but you stand by your faith* (*Romans 11:20*)?

Why is God's grafting in of Gentiles an offer of hope to the Jews (*Romans 11:23-24*)?

What do the following verses teach about this concept?