

— Romans 11.13-24 —
Romans Series 71
God's One People

Rm 11.13 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. 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. 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?

* **This passage** is really about one thing: Do you want God to accomplish his salvational purposes in this world _____ you or in _____ of you?

* **Vs 17-24** address understanding and _____ regarding God's salvational purposes, for they are essential if you want to be a willing participant through whom God works.

* **Paul's analogy** of a cultivated olive tree is a picture of God's _____ thru the centuries. It's _____, but that's what God's salvational purposes look like on the ground in real time in this fallen world.

* **What are** the three main points Paul makes:

1) God has _____ people through the ages defined by _____ in the promised Redeemer, who is Jesus Christ.

Gen 3.15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Heb 11.4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

James 2.19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

Heb 11.39 [A]ll these ... gained approval through their faith [NASB]

Gal 3.6 Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness" (quoting Gen 15.6). 7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham ... 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Luke 1.30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

2) The purpose of the covenant is not to restrict salvation to members, but to provide the best environment for nurturing _____ in the Redeemer, _____ for God and man, and for modeling them to the _____.

– Name some believers who were not formal covenant members:

– Israel was not _____ until God made them so.

Eze 16.3 Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: “Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. 4 [O]n the day you were born ... 5 ... you were thrown out into the open field ... 6 ... I said ... , ‘Live!’ ... 7 I made you thrive ... 8 ... I spread My wing over you ... entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine”

– The distinction between a covenant member and a stranger living in the land was the duty to live out the types and foreshadows of the law pointing forward to _____.

– In the NC, there is no need to enact the types and foreshadows of the law, for they have all been fulfilled in Christ. We are all called to simply _____ with God through faith in Christ, loving God and one another, and modeling faith and love to the world.

Eph 2.19 [Y]ou are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Gal 6.10 [L]et us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Isa 65.15 [T]he Lord God will ... call His servants by another name

Heb 12.22 [Y]ou have come to ... the heavenly Jerusalem ... 23 to the ... church of the firstborn ... 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant

3) Covenant members who understand and embrace God’s salvation will have a heart of faith, _____, and _____, and will desire for all to be saved and brought into God’s covenant people.

– A heart of faith means ...

– A heart of gratitude and humility means ...

Eph 2.4 God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast ... 5.18 [B]e filled with the Spirit ... 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Col 3.17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1Thes 5.18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Psalm 95.1 Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving

Neh 8.10 [T]he joy of the LORD is your strength.

James 4.6 & 1Pet 5.5 “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (quoting Psalm 138.6 & Prov 3.34)

1Tim 2.1 I exhort first of all that ... prayers ... and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all ... in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

– If we lose these things, we tend to become proud, sour, and consumed with _____. These are traits of the _____ himself.

– Paul warns the _____ Christians not to give into this temptation.