

Session #40: “CHOSEN BY GRACE”— Romans 11:1-6

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Do most Christians believe that God has cast away Israel? How was the Apostle Paul saved?
- With regard to being “chosen by grace”, is there any difference between you and Israel?
- How would you respond to the question, are believers chosen by grace alone?
- How important is verse 6 in today’s study? Do you believe that grace and “works” are mutually exclusive? What verse is the most absolute statement that grace and works are mutually exclusive?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

#1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - 9:1-33 - #2 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - 10:1-21

#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - 11:1-36

• **#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - Romans 11:1-36**

• **1A. THE REMNANT IS PROOF OF THE RESTORATION - 11:1-6**

2A. THE REJECTION WAS PROPHESED - 11:7-10; 3A. THE RESULT OF THEIR FALL - 11:11-12

4A. THE RESPONSE THEY WILL HAVE - 11:13-16;

5A. THE REACTION THE GENTILES SHOULD HAVE - 11:17-24

6A. THE REVELATION OF A MYSTERY - 11:25-32; 7A. THE REALIZATION OF GOD’S PLAN - 11:33-36

• **1A. THE REMNANT IS PROOF OF THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - 11:1-6**

The great question: “Has God cast away His people?” - it is unthinkable! God forbid! NASB - May it never be! NIV - By no means! Answer: “God has NOT cast away His people which He foreknew” - cf. Rom. 8:29-30; 1 Peter 1:2; Jeremiah 31:35-37 Does God go back on His Word?

1B. The EXAMPLES - 1-5

*Rom 11:1 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.*

1C. Paul himself – 1 – Cf. 1 Cor. 15:10 - God’s grace chose Paul - 1 Tim. 1:12-17

*Rom 11:2 **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,*

2C. Elijah - 2b-4 - Cf. 1 Kings 19:10, 14-18

1D. His plead (appeal) - 2b - “pleads with God against Israel” - NIV: “appealed” NASB: “pleads with”. He believes that God has cast them away for what they have done.

*Rom 11:3 **"LORD, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS AND TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY SEEK MY LIFE?"***

2D. His attitude - 3

1E. He enumerates all that they have done - “they have killed Your prophets, and torn down Your altars”

2E. He emphasizes that he is the only one left - “I alone am left”

3E. He explains that his own life is in danger and then God will have no one to depend on!

Rom 11:4 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."

3D. God's answer – 4 - "I have reserved to Myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal". "Baal" - only usage in NT - used 62 times in OT.

Rom 11:5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

3C. Present time – 5 - "a remnant according to the election of grace" - NIV - "chosen by grace" - NASB - "God's gracious choice" - The Greek word for "election" appears 7 times in the NT (Greek: *ekloge*(spoken out of)) - The word *elektos* is used 23 times in the NT. - cf. Acts 9:15; Rom. 9:11; 11:5, 7, 28; 1 Thess. 1:4; 2 Tim. 1:9 - "not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

2B. The EXPLANATION - 6

Rom 11:6 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.

The word "grace" appears 131 times in NT; the "grace of God" is used 24 times. "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." **What logic!** What something is "is!" What something is not "is not!" - "Grace" and "works" are mutually exclusive!

Four Ways of Resisting or Rejecting God's standards of grace:

1. **Rejection of the "once-for-all" sacrifice of Jesus Christ** is described as an insult to the "Spirit of grace" - Heb. 10:29
2. **Refusing to repent** is described as coming short of the "grace of God" - Heb. 12:15-17
3. **Resisting God's standards of sexual purity** is called "turning the grace of our God into lewdness" - Jude 4
4. **Returning to the law in order to be declared righteous** is called "setting aside the grace of God" - Gal. 2:21 - and "fallen from grace" - Gal. 5:4

The Wonder of Grace - Consider the following teachings of the Bible about grace:

1. **Grace came** by Jesus Christ - John 1:17
2. **We are saved** by grace - Eph. 2:8-9
3. **We are justified** by grace - Rom. 3:24
4. **Our salvation is a gift** of God's grace - Romans 5:15
5. **Grace is greater than our sin** - Rom. 5:20
6. **All believers are under grace**, not law - Rom. 6:14
7. **God is the "God of all grace"** - 1 Pet. 5:10
8. God's grace **is sufficient and capable of sustaining us under trials/infirmities** - 2 Cor. 12:9-10
9. God's grace **has appeared to all men** - Titus 2:11
10. Grace **characterizes God's throne and grace will be given to help us** - Heb. 4:16
11. **Grace is needed** to serve God - Heb. 12:28
12. **Grace is given** to the humble - James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5
13. **Spiritual gifts come from** the "manifold grace of God" - 1 Pet. 4:10
14. **Believers are exhorted** to "grow in grace" in 2 Pet. 3:18
15. Believers **were chosen before the world was created** so that we would be - "to the praise of the glory of His grace" - Eph. 1:6
16. The **Lord will continue to show** us in the ages to come "the exceeding riches of His grace" - Eph. 2:7 **How thankful are you that you were "chosen by grace"?**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!

Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.