

## By Grace NOT by WORKS ~ Romans 10:1-16

→Scripture Reading Jer. 31:33-36 Rom. 11:1, 11

### INTRODUCTION

**Jeremiah 31:35-36** (NLT) <sup>35</sup> It is the LORD who provides the sun to light the day and the moon and stars to light the night, and who stirs the sea into roaring waves. His name is the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and this is what he says: <sup>36</sup> I am as likely to REJECT my people Israel as I am to ABOLISH the laws of nature!

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<sup>10:21</sup> But to Israel He says: All day long I have spread out My hands to a disobedient and defiant people. (HCS)

### The Faithful FEW ~ Romans 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup> I ask then: Did God REJECT His people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God did not REJECT His people, whom He foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah - how he appealed to God against Israel: <sup>3</sup> Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? <sup>4</sup> And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." <sup>5</sup> So too, at the present time there is a REMNANT chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

God elects **BY** grace NOT in spite of but **THROUGH** the Response of faith. But **grace comes first**, not meritorious works from the human side, otherwise grace would no longer be grace. Elwell

<sup>7</sup> What then? What **Israel sought so earnestly** it did NOT obtain, **but the ELECT did** The others were hardened, <sup>8</sup> as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day." <sup>9</sup> And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. <sup>10</sup> May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

In JUDGING them, God removed their ability to see and hear and to turn from sin; thus, they would experience the consequences of their rebellion. Resisting God is like saying to Him, **Leave me alone!** ...His answer to that prayer might be to agree and make that person less sensitive, more hardened to Him. LAB

If people REFUSE to hear God's Good News, they eventually will be UNABLE to understand it LAB

### IMPLICATIONS

#### →Let it BE Grace ALONE

<sup>6</sup> Now if **by grace**, then it is NOT by works; otherwise grace ceases to be grace. HCS

**2 Corinthians 8:9** (NIV) For you know the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

He took on human form - humbled Himself and became Obedient to death on the cross

**Ephesians 2:4-5** (NIV) But because of **His great love for us**, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us ALIVE with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by GRACE you have been saved.

**2 Timothy 1:9-10** (NLT) For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time - to show us His GRACE through Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> And now He has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He BROKE the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

## Is there HOPE for Israel? ~ Romans 11:11-16

<sup>11</sup> Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. <sup>12</sup> But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

<sup>12</sup> Now if the Gentiles were enriched because the people of Israel turned down God's offer of salvation, think how much greater a blessing the world will share when they finally accept it. NLT

<sup>13</sup> I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry <sup>14</sup> in the HOPE that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them.

Paul is speaking of **Israel nationally** and of **the Gentiles** in the same way. He is NOT speaking of the church of God...  
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<sup>15</sup> For if their REJECTION is the reconciliation of the world, what will their ACCEPTANCE be but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup> If the **part of the dough** offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

## IMPLICATIONS

### → Passing from DEATH to LIFE

<sup>15</sup> For since their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world, their **ACCEPTANCE will be even more wonderful**. It will be **LIFE for those who were DEAD!** NLT

**John 5:24** (HCS) I assure you: Anyone who **hears My word and BELIEVES** Him who sent Me HAS eternal life and will not come under judgment but has **passed from DEATH to LIFE**.

## TAKE AWAY ??

### → God is NOT DONE with Israel because He KEEPS His Promises

<sup>11</sup> Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? NOT AT ALL...

<sup>15:6</sup> Abram BELIEVED the LORD, and He CREDITED it to him as **righteousness**.

<sup>15:8</sup> But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

### → Blood Trail (Blood Covenant)

### → He walked a different blood path - one that took Him to the CROSS

**Luke 22:20** (NIV) In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

### → Without the Shedding of Blood there is NO Forgiveness

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save me from its guilt and power.

Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.