The Kindness AND Sternness of God ~ Romans 11:17-21

➜**Scripture Reading** Eph. 3:6, Rom 11:25, 28-31

INTRODUCTION

On the mount of crucifixion, - Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's **MERCY -**Flowed a vast and **gracious** tide.
Grace and **love**, like mighty rivers, - Poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's **peace** and perfect **justice** - **Kissed a GUILTY world in love.**

Do NOT be ARROGANT ~ Romans 11:17-24

[17] If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, [18] do not BOAST over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do NOT support the root, but **the ROOT supports you**. [19] You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." [20] Granted. But they were **broken off because of unbelief**, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. [21] For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you either.
[22] Consider therefore **the kindness and sternness of God**: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in His kindness. **Otherwise, you also will be cut off**.

> ALL of God's attributes **work in harmony**; there is no conflict between His **goodness** and **love**, and His **justice** and **wrath**. Those who accept His **gracious offer of salvation** experience His GOODNESS; **those who reject** it experience His SEVERITY. MacArthur

> **Romans 8:38-39** (NIV) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is IN Christ Jesus our Lord.

[23] And **if THEY do not persist in unbelief**, they will be **grafted in**, for God is able to graft them in again. [24] After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

IMPLICATIONS

John 10:27-30 (NIV) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can SNATCH them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; NO ONE can snatch them out of my Father's hand. [30] I and the Father are ONE.

John 5:24 (NIV) I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and BELIEVES HIM who sent ME
HAS eternal life and will NOT be condemned; he has crossed over from DEATH to LIFE.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) And I am sure of this, that HE who BEGAN a GOOD work in you WILL BRING IT to COMPLETION at the day of Jesus Christ.

CONDITIONAL Promise - **IF** you BELIEVE in Jesus Christ - then you **WILL BE saved** Jn 5:24

UNCONDITIONAL Promise - God who STARTED this work in you **WILL FINISH IT**   Phil 1:6

➜**The Security Salvation is Based on God's PROMISES**

ALL Israel will be SAVED? ~ Romans 11:25-32

[25] I do not want you to be ignorant of **this MYSTERY**, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a **hardening** in part **until the full number of the Gentiles has come in**. [26] And so **ALL Israel will be saved**, as it is written: **"**The deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob.**"** [27] And **"**this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.**"**

Ephesians 3:6 (NIV) This MYSTERY is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise **IN Christ Jesus**.

So ALL Israel Will be SAVED... vs. 26 ESVN

- ➢ salvation of the CHURCH Jews and Gentiles throughout history

- ➢ salvation of a REMNANT of Jews throughout history

- ➢ salvation of the END-TIME generation of Jewish people in the future

[28] As far as the GOSPEL is concerned, **they are enemies** on your account; but **as far as ELECTION** is concerned, **they are loved** on account of the patriarchs, [29] for God's gifts and His call are irrevocable.

[29] For God's gifts and His call can **never be withdrawn**. (NLT)

God will **keep His promises**. The important word is **Irrevocable**, not **Irresistible**. While God will not take back what He has offered, we are certainly able to REJECT it. LAB

[30] Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, [31] so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. [32] For God has bound ALL men over to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all.

IMPLICATIONS

➔God hates our PRIDE and Arrogance

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TAKE AWAY ??

To BELIEVE is <u>more than intellectual agreement</u> that Jesus died for us. It means to put our TRUST and CONFIDENCE in HIM that ONLY He can SAVE us. LASB

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is **BY Grace** you have been **Saved**, **THROUGH Faith** - and this not from yourselves, it is the **GIFT of God** - [9] NOT by works, SO THAT no one can boast.

Saved **BY GRACE** alone -**THROUGH FAITH** alone

John 3:14-16 (NIV) Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, **so the Son of** Man must be LIFTED UP, [15] that everyone who BELIEVES in him may have eternal life.

[16] For **God so loved the world** that He **GAVE** his one and only Son, that whoever **BELIEVES** in Him shall not perish but **HAVE eternal life**

How can we be SAVED?

- ➢ ACCEPT the Fact you deserve to DIE

- ➢ RECOGNIZE that Jesus DIED in Your Place

- ➢ BELIEVE Jesus Died for you

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?