

The Greatest Letter – The grace of God seen in Israel's rejection

It is obvious that, while Paul was writing to these believers in Rome, he at the same time continually displays a great concern for his own people, the nation of Israel. (he begins each of these three chapters) Leon Morris

Romans 9 explains that God specially chose Israel (vv. 1–5) but that the Jewish people failed to attain God's righteousness because they tried to get it through the works of the Law, rather than by faith (vv. 30–33).

Chapter 10 highlights the fact that both Jews and Gentiles are saved through faith in Christ (vv. 4–17),...

Israel's _____ vv 1-4

How was their zeal misdirected? Romans 10:3 (NLT) ³ For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law.

Salvation to all who _____ vv 5-13

Rom 10:10 "believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead."

Beautiful _____ vv 14-21

Romans 10:15 (NLT) That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news..."

Chapter 11 reminds us that grace for the Gentiles is through Israel and God's faithfulness to Gentiles is demonstrated in His faithfulness to Israel.

I. Grace free and _____ vv 1-10

verses 1–10 arising from chapter 10 is the question around whether the unbelief of Israel involves God's rejection of the chosen people.

Romans 11:1–6

If God has rejected his own people, the nation of Israel, then it would include the writer of this letter – Paul – himself an Israelite.

v 2 _____ – (ESV) ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew – the appointing of a person to a certain destiny. Wuest

Acts 2:23 (ESV) ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed

Romans 8:29 (ESV) ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

There has always been a believing remnant – **Romans 11:5**

Sovereign grace and human responsibility – see both in Romans 9-11

Romans 10:3 (NLT) ³ ... Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law.

Romans 10:9 ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10:13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Grace, the spontaneous overflowing love of God bestowing the gift of salvation upon one who does not only not deserve that gift, but deserves the justice of God for their sin. Wuest

Romans 11:7–10

“Blinded” is *pōroō* (πωρω), It is a medical word – to cover with a thick skin, to harden by covering with a callous,” metaphorically, “to make the heart dull” (John 12:40).

II. Grace for the Gentiles through _____ vv 11-24

What was result of the hardening of hearts of Israel? _____ to Gentiles.

Romans 11:11

Romans 11:13–14

III. Grace in the unsearchable wisdom, love, and faithfulness of God vv 25-36

Romans 11:25–27

Fullness of the _____

Conclusion – summary Romans 9-11

First, Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, really wanted to _____ the Jewish people in Rome that God still had a _____ for Israel.

Second, chapters 9–11 the good news of Jesus is _____ only means to _____ (right standing before God by faith).

Third, is that Paul needed to answer an important _____.

Romans 11:33–36 (NLT) ³³ Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! ³⁴ For who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? ³⁵ And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? ³⁶ For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.