

Joyful at Heart class,

For our 11 April session, we will start Romans chapter 11. This chapter is the last of the “national” section (Chapters 9-11) where Paul is specifically addressing the gospel as it relates to Israel.

Taking a moment to review some of the topics we have seen in Romans so far. Chapter 1: the Righteousness of God. Sin – a universal problem, the wrath of God (sin will be punished). Chapter 2: God’s Law – no excuse, not the way to righteousness. Chapter 3: all have sinned, God’s righteousness the only way of salvation. Chapter 4: what about Abraham, God’s promises, Christ delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Chapter 5: the results of justification, Adam and Christ contrasted. Chapter 6: Dead to sin, servants to God. Chapter 7: released from the law, the sin nature still remains. Chapter 8: no condemnation to them that are “in” Christ, walk in the spirit, adoption, the revelation of God’s Glory through believers, nothing separates the believer from God’s love. Chapter 9: the people of Israel, the blessings, children of promise, the hardening of hearts, the potter and the clay, Gentiles are called. Chapter 10: the method of justification, no difference between the Jew or Gentile, evangelism.

We can divide Chapter 11 under the following three headings.

- God’s chosen people; Rom 11:1-12
- Two kinds of branches: Rom 11:13-24
- “All Israel shall be saved”: Rom 11:25-36

A summary read of the chapter should result in some questions.

- V1 – Has God cast away His chosen people?
- V4 – What is meant by God’s response to Elijah and reserving 7000 men?
- V5 – What other “remnants” can we identify in scripture?
- V6 – What is the relationship between works and grace?
- V7 – What did Israel fail to obtain?
- V9 – What is meant by “letting their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them”?
- V13 – Is Paul being prideful when he states he “magnifies his office”?
- V16 – What or who is the firstfruit?
- V25 – How should I interpret what this verse indicates?
- V26 – Does this mean that every single Israelite will be saved?
- V29 – What are some of the “gifts and calling” referenced?
- V32 – The NKJV translation contains two “all” statements. Who do these pertain to and what do they mean?

Another exciting chapter from Paul! As we study, our petition continues; “Lord, grant us wisdom”.

Chat with you on Sunday!

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