

December 10/Day 344

Romans 11

Verses 1-6

- When we left off before, Paul was talking about the Jews; their purpose, the benefit of being a Jew, and how the gospel had not failed though they had rejected Jesus.
- There is a teaching out there which espouses the divorce of God from the nation of Israel. These teachers say God is finished with Israel and the church has taken her place. While the things that happened to Israel are for our example, the church has not taken Israel's place. What does Paul say about this in verse one?
- According to verse 5, what does he call the small number of Jews who will believe? This word is a picture of the leftover material unused from a bolt of cloth. By Israel's example, not all church members will believe, either, though there will be a remnant within the church.

Verses 7-10

- Who gave the spirit of stupor?
- What did this cause spiritually?

Verses 11-16

- How was their transgression (offense) beneficial for the Gentiles?

Verses 17-24

- The Jews are the tree and the Gentiles are grafted in.
- Why were branches broken off?
- What is possible for those who do not continue in unbelief? (verse 23) What does this mean for the Jews?

Verse 25

- What kind of hardening has happened to Israel? For what purpose/how long?

Verses 26-27

- What will happen to Israel?

Verses 28-32

- How does this passage explain all this?

- I love verse 29. The context obviously is in regard to the Jews having been called by God for a purpose, that of bringing all nations to Him. Is there any application for believers today?

Verses 33-36

- How does Paul summarize this teaching?
- Does he sound excited in this passage? Why or why not? Think about his heritage and what he has previously said about his countrymen.

Romans 12

Verses 1-2

- We hear this quoted often. Does it help to know the context?

Verses 3-8

- If having a sound mind means to have a mind under control, what do you think sound judgment is?
- What does God allot to each? Be specific.
- What does verse 6 say about spiritual gifts? Do all believers share the same gifts?
- Which gifts are listed here?

Verses 9-13

- If hypocrisy is pretending, what does it mean to love without it?
- What other instruction is listed here?

Verses 14-21

- What does he instruct regarding those who persecute us? How can we make this practical/put it into practice?
- “Haughty” means arrogant.
- In what way is leaving vengeance for God an act of faith?
- How is evil overcome?

Romans 13

Verses 1-7

- Who is in charge of seating our leaders, both good and bad?
- What is the responsibility of the leader in this, according to verse 3?

Verses 8-10

- How does love fulfill the law?

Verses 11-14

- What is Paul's exhortation here?
- How is it possible to "put on" the Lord Jesus? Remember the picture exchanging of the robes between David and Jonathan.

See you tomorrow.