

Respond Humbly to **GOD'S GRACE**

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

If the Lord Jesus Christ were to appear in front of you right now, what is the first thing you would say or do? How we answer that question somehow gives us an idea what we believe about Jesus! Are we going to respond humbly to His grace? Romans 11:17-36 shows three very clear reasons why we should do so.

GRAFTED BY GOD (ROMANS 11:17-24)

Romans 11 shows us that Gentiles (non-Jewish people) were grafted into Christ, while Jewish people were broken off from the root because of their unbelief. However, Paul reminds his readers that they are not to be arrogant about it. It is only by God's grace that we (the Gentiles) are grafted among God's people, not because of who we are or what we have done. Gentile believers cannot boast of being grafted because those who believe in Christ stand in their faith; and it will be the same for the Jews who will eventually put their faith in Jesus, the Messiah. Many people claim to be followers of Jesus but are not — their lives don't show it, and they believe that their Christianity is based on the righteousness they believe they've achieved but God rejects. The parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14) illustrates this. Jesus reminds us of two things: we become part of God's family only by grace and we never earn our salvation; secondly, that true followers of Jesus will live transformed lives. We need to be careful not to have an attitude of spiritual superiority to those who don't know Jesus yet. Let us not forget that once upon a time, we were as spiritually blind as they are. So let us be humble recipients of God's grace today.

GUARANTEES OF GOD (ROMANS 11:25-32)

God is not just a promise-making God, but a promise-keeping God! The "partial hardening of the Jews" is only temporary. God promised that all Israel will eventually accept Jesus as the Messiah. Even today, there are Jews who are turning to Christ! Even if Jews do not read the New Testament, the message about Jesus is found throughout the whole Bible (ex. Isaiah 53:3-5) such that many have come to believe in Him as Messiah. The promises made by God to the Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12:2-3, 26:3-4, 28:14) are His irrevocable guarantees to the Jewish people. We are all in the same boat as Israel — God will show mercy even to those who were once disobedient to Him (both Jews and Gentiles) who put their trust in Christ.

The gospel was first preached to Israel, and they rejected it. It was then preached to the Gentiles, and their conversion to Christ makes Israel jealous, but eventually they will come to faith in Christ the Messiah! Only God could have come up with such an elaborate strategy to save His people (both Jews and Gentiles). If God is sovereign over Israel's history, He is also sovereign over our story. If God has been gracious to Israel, He will be gracious to us (and He already has). If God keeps His promises to Israel, He will keep His promises to us.

GLORY TO GOD! (ROMANS 11:33-36)

At the end of Romans 11, all that Paul could do was to acknowledge "the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" and "how unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!". Whatever is the "long and winding road" of our life, God is sovereign. We owe God everything, He owes us nothing; "for from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. One day, Jesus will appear again, and everyone will bow before Him and confess that Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11). But even right now, we know that Jesus is with us, and we choose to say with the apostle Paul, "to Him be the glory forever. Amen".

Are we sharing the gospel truth to others as a way of life? Bring forth Jesus the Messiah — the Savior of the world!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How does the reality of having been "grafted in" impact you?
God will keep His guarantees to the Jews. Which of God's many promises in the Bible mean the most to you and why?
Take turns glorifying God by sharing how He has been gracious to you.
In which areas of humility can you most improve?

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

ROMANS 11:33

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments –Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.




You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

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