



THE GREATNESS OF GRACE

Romans 11:11-24

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Paul repeats himself again that God has not forsaken His people Israel, nor caused them to fall into unbelief, but in the last days, Israel will be restored anew. Israel will be jealous by God's grace revealed in Gentile faith. As a result, there will be a spiritual revival of a renewed Israel during the Great Tribulation. Revelation 7 states a "great multitude, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues will stand before the throne and before the Lamb", declaring Jesus is Lord!

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*"So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. **12** Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! **13** Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry **14** in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. **15** For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? **16** If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. **17** But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, **18** do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. **19** Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." **20** That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. **21** For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. **22** Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. **23** And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. **24** For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree."*

1. God's GRACE Makes Faith POSSIBLE.

- The Goal is to bring SALVATION to the Jews and to the Gentiles.

*"I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, **12** while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **Matthew 8:11-12***

- Our Faith is a GIFT given by God's GRACE.

2. God's GRACE Makes Faith ACCEPTABLE (v. 13-15, 17-22)

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'" **Romans 1:16-17***

- Paul magnifies his ministry by PREACHING the WORD of God.

*"Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us." **Philippians 3:17***

*"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." **Romans 5:8-10***

*"If a dead Savior could redeem us, how much more can a living Savior sustain us."
John MacArthur*

- Our Faith is USEFUL and PLEASING to God.

3. God's GRACE Makes Faith EFFECTIVE (v. 16, 22-24)

- The RESULT of God's gracious act of salvation is the PRODUCT of spiritual FRUIT.
- Our Faith in JESUS produces GOOD WORKS.

God's grace is greater than your sin and has made a way for you to trust in Jesus Christ — by faith! May your faith & salvation be useful, pleasing and productive for growing God's kingdom.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision you could ever make is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead — YOU WILL BE SAVED. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins, BELIEVE in Jesus thereby receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.