

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Are you proud to be a Christian?



Olive Tree = the people of God spanning both ages

Root = the patriarchs/promises

Natural Branches = Israelites

Wild Branches = Gentiles

¹⁶ If the first piece *of dough* is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,

¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you.

¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

²⁰ True, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear;

²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you.

²² Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

²³ And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

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(Romans 11:16-24)


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1. Hope for Israel
2. Warning to Gentiles



Reasons NOT to Boast:

1. The “root” supports you
2. You stand only by faith
3. Danger of being “cut off”

Faith and Fear

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1. Faith Excludes Boasting
 - faith is the opposite of human works or merit; it is a trust in God’s work in Christ
 - faith does not arise from human cleverness or wisdom, but from the proclamation of God’s saving work in Christ (the gospel)

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

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Faith and Fear

2. Fear Perseveres Faith
 - fear falling away in unbelief and being cut off in judgment by God (*like Israel*)

¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

(1 Corinthians 10:11-12)

So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief. Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

(Hebrews 3:19-4:1)

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

(Philippians 2:11-12)

¹⁷ If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*;

(1 Peter 1:17)

¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end.

(Hebrews 3:12-14)