

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

³⁰ For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,
³¹ so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.
³² For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

(Romans 11:30-32)

God's Design

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God's Design

A. Sequence of Salvation-History

- the sequence of "disobedience-mercy" experienced by the Gentiles will also be experienced by Israel
- Paul refers to four stages in God's design:

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A. Sequence of Salvation-History

- (1) Time of Gentile disobedience – before Christ
- (2) Time of Israel's disobedience – rejection of Christ
- (3) Time of Gentile salvation – since Christ
- (4) Time of Israel's salvation – return of Christ

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B. God's Purpose in Salvation-History

- He imprisons or gives over all (Gentiles and Jews) to disobedience in order to show them mercy
- only the disobedient and condemned receive mercy; otherwise, it is not mercy

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- God's design in this history is the vindication of God in the display of His mercy to the ungodly
 - in Israel and the nations, God will show Himself to be the righteous God, who justifies the ungodly
 - our unrighteousness and sin is the only "qualification" for God's mercy!