

Romans Refresh

Renewing Gospel-Centrality

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Has God rejected His people, Israel?

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Romans 11:1-32

"I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be!" (11:1)

"I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be!" (11:11)

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- presently, the nation of Israel, with the exception of a remnant, is hardened in fulfillment of God's word; yet this hardening serves God's greater saving purpose, first for the nations, and then for Israel

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Romans 11:1-32

1. Has God rejected His people? No!
 - presently there is a believing remnant of Israel by God's "election of grace"
 - the rest of Israel has been "hardened" by God as an act of judgment

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Romans 11:1-32

2. Is Israel's failure permanent? No!
 - according to God's purpose, Israel's present failure is for the salvation of the Gentiles
 - ethnic Israel as a whole will enjoy salvation-blessing, the climax of God's redemption
 - Israel will be saved at the coming of the risen Jesus who takes away their sins

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Implications:

1. Salvation is always by the free mercy of God alone, which excludes all human works
2. Salvation is to God's glory alone – ultimately, God is justified in the justification of sinners

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Implications:

God justifies the ungodly (Israel)
by grace alone
through faith alone
in Christ alone
to God's glory alone

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Implications:

- O Gentile Christian, beware of spiritual pride and fear falling into unbelief



(Olive Tree)

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