

Calvary Church: Coordinated Curriculum 2007-2008

Romans: The Transforming Power of the Righteousness of God

Mark Your Observations

Record Observations & Questions

Romans 11:11-36

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Think Context!

- 11 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.
- 25 Lest you be wise in your own sight,
 I want you to understand this mystery, brothers:
 a partial hardening has come upon Israel,
 until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.
- 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,
 "The Deliverer will come from Zion,
 he will banish ungodliness from Jacob";

27 “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”
28 As regards the gospel,
they are enemies of God for your sake.
But as regards election,
they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.
29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God
but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,
31 so they too have now been disobedient
in order that by the mercy shown to you
they also may now receive mercy.
32 For God has consigned all to disobedience,
that he may have mercy on all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches
and wisdom
and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!
34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”
35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”
36 For from him
and through him
and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (ESV)

Introduction



Talk about it



Think about it

11:11-16 Israel’s rejection enables salvation of Gentiles, but the acceptance of Israel will result in greater blessing to the world

11:17-24 Israel’s unbelief resulted in Gentiles being grafted into the promises of God, but pride would result in them being cut off

11:25-32 Israel’s future salvation

11:33-36 Doxology



What do we learn
About God?

Graciously stern
Wise beyond comprehension

God has infinite knowledge and the ability to use it wisely
God is knowable but not definable—His plan is too deep and His righteousness too high



Act on it

Our understanding of salvation should lead to:

A response of humility and continued faith and naturally lead to an overflowing praise of who God is

How do you respond to *who* God is?

Do you naturally overflow with praise?

Does God seem as big and wise to you as He does to Paul?

Does God seem as close and personal to you as He does to Paul?

Assignment: Memorize and Meditate on Romans 11:33-36

Reflect on what God has been doing and has done for you—write a “thank you note” to God, share it with others.

Reflect on Who you see God to be—His attributes and character—write a poem of praise, share it with someone.

(If you write a thank note or poem, share it with Steve Kilgore: skilgore@calvarychurch.org)