

THE TRUE PEOPLE OF GOD WILL BE SAVED

ROMANS 11

INTRODUCTION — The early Christians were Jewish. The good news of God was that non-Jews could be included in the people of God. The early church tried to stay connected to the tree of Abraham, but were excluded from the synagogue and Temple. By the time the letter was written to disciples in Rome the growth was mostly among Gentiles. There was an anti-Semitic attitude among Roman citizens that Paul challenges among the Gentile believers in Rome. We must be on the guard against any prejudice that would interfere with the spread of Christianity.

A. It has always been only a remnant that will be saved.

Romans 11:1-10

1. The example of Elijah.
2. God's work in the world results in either restoration or ruination in people.

B. Are the traditional religious people beyond recovery?

Romans 11:11-24

1. When the traditional religious people see the transformation of Jesus people hopefully it will cause a positive form of jealousy.
2. The breaking off and grafting of limbs into the tree of Christ.

C. The awesome and unfathomable mystery of God's work in history results in mercy for sinners

Romans 11:25-36

1. It is crucial we do not become conceited over other peoples hardened attitude, since God's goal is that all the people of God are saved.
2. We face the same predicament that Job and Isaiah faced in being able to see only a small part of God's universal multigenerational work.

CONCLUSION — We must never give up hope that people can change by the influence of the gospel, which is the power of God.

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