

# New Community Bible Study & Teaching

## **“God’s Plan For Israel”**

Romans 10-11

**Session 13**

We’ve titled our study series after the Book of Romans...

## **“God’s Plan To Move Us From Lost Ones To Saved Ones To Sent Ones”**

### **Structure Of The Book:**

#### **Our Outline of the Book**

1. Introduction & Theme Of Romans (1:1-17),
2. The Doctrine of Justification (1:18—5:11),
3. The Doctrine Of Sanctification (5:12—8:39),
- 4. God’s Plan & Purpose For Israel (9:1—11:36),**
5. Living The New Life As A Jesus Follower (12:1-15:13);
6. Conclusions & Greetings To Friends (15:14—16:27).

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**Introduction & Overview**

**Now... the questions of the ages start getting addressed this week for us...**

**Last week...**

**“How’d The Jews Miss Jesus?”**

**We learned a bunch that...**

- Paul would have done anything for his people to find Jesus... even sacrificing his own salvation!
- That: Not all who are Israel are Israel!
- We learned that the law NEVER could save anyone
- The Jews invested in the law...
- When it was a picture of God’s righteousness and not their own!
- And, that God refocused on the Gentiles, and set the Jews aside until all the gentiles were in the Kingdom!
- That God is sovereign... He has mercy on whom He chooses to have mercy!! Never forget that!
- All deserve judgment- every human who ever lived!
- And Jesus is the stumbling stone everyone trips over him or chooses to bow down, confess sin & believe in Him!!
- **And...everyone on earth must come to God through Jesus the Son of God... no exceptions!!!**
- **And now... God’s Plan For Israel!!!!**

## Read: Rom. 10

**1 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. 2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. 3 Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.**

- Paul re-expresses his desire for his people Israel!
- They have zeal... but it is not connected to truth! (cult-like zeal)
- Here's their error- they tried to establish their own brand of righteousness & call it good enough!!!
- Jesus... is the end point of the law & most Jews missed that!!
- But... only one righteousness for humans exists: That is Jesus!!!

**But... here's again the problem with righteousness by the law:**

**5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."**

- In the Law...there was God's righteousness on display
- Keeping it meant... Perfection! You must live perfectly!!!
- No one could!
- **James 2:10** clarifies for us... why imperfection doesn't work here!

**That's why righteousness by faith is the hope we have...**

**6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to**

bring Christ down) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

- Paul is telling us...even if we could ascend into heaven or descend into hell to search for Christ...
- **The righteousness that comes by faith doesn't require some mystical or impossible journey through the universe to find Christ!**
- All other cults, religious practices will always fall short of salvation!
- No, God has provided His Savior to us! All we do is believe and follow His Savior!
- Jesus is the only way to God...& it's accessed by faith in Him alone!
- **No other spiritual journey gets you there!!**

Here's how that works for everyone...

**9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”**

- Notice: (vs10) with the heart we believe= **given His righteousness**
- With the mouth we confess= **granted salvation!**
- Righteousness has to do with what we become... **Eternal beings**
- Salvation has to do with what we escape... **judgment & hell!**
- We need to be sure we are **preaching both to unbelieving people!**

- **Exod. 19:6...** Israel was to become a witnessing nation- they did not!
- **Anyone- who believe in Jesus...** will find righteousness & salvation!
- **Isaiah 28:16-** the promise is repeated here by Paul!!

**12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

- **We know this for sure... All who call on Him...**
- **By faith... will be saved! Find Righteousness & Sal.!**

**Then, a famous logical progression on how this offer is made known to all people is offered by Paul:**

**14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

- **Here is Paul telling us of God’s plan for getting the gospel out...**
- **Preaching it... it has and will be His way!**
- **Billboards are good... but telling personally...**
- **Is His method then and now and forever!!**

**16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” 17**

**Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.**

- Salvation does not change... it comes from believing the message we know of in God's Word! John 3:16 still does the deed!!

**18 But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."**

- Paul here cites Psa. 19:4... The Jews all heard! They knew!!!
- The heavens tell the glory of God!
- His General Revelation has been "preached" or seen by everyone!!!

**Or maybe...**

**19 Again I ask: Did Israel not understand?**

- Don't miss this... here was Israel's problem:
- **It was not a lack of truth...the people simply would not believe the very truth God was providing to them!**
- The predictions Isaiah & the Prophets made constantly!
  - o They refused to see the truth they could read about!!!!
- That's major league unbelief, and resistance toward God!!!
- **They took the Frank Sinatra approach: We'll do it our way!**
- **And it was not enough!!**

**First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding." 20 And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."**

- So, if they would not believe and follow God...
- With that...God welcomed in the Gentiles...

**21 But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.”**

- How sad but true! The majority of Jews would not come to God His way!!!
- God always reached out for His people the Jews! They shunned Him!

## **Chapter 11**

**1 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: 3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me”? 4 And what was God's answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” 5 So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. 6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.**

- **Look at this...did God reject His people the Jews? No!!**
- He made a huge covenant with them- Abrahamic Covenant!
- **It was unconditional...** God promised to punish himself if He ever didn't keep and fulfill His covenant!!
- **First... He promises a remnant will always be saved!**
- **He uses Elijah's experience to make that known to us!!**

- And, that group His grace is the key to the group's salvation

But we still have a problem... what about others?

**7** What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, **8** as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear to this very day." **9** And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. **10** May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

- Jews had a zeal for God, but refused to believe God's revealed truth about His salvation!

**- So they missed Jesus when He was here!**

- Like Judas... their unrighteousness caused a hardening of their hearts... they literally hardened their own hearts!!

- And their unbelief... was not turned around!

- In His sovereignty and election... God hardened their already unrighteous hearts...a spirit of stupor... (be careful not to linger in unbelief!!!)

**- God turned the lights down on further illumination! Big deal!!!**

**- The Torah became a stumbling block many Jews tripped over!**



**But, is God setting Israel aside forever?**

**11 Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!**

- Get this...there is Hope for the Jews regarding salvation for many!**
- The Gentiles are being used now to make Israel jealous...
- But- God is not finished with the Jews yet!!!!**

**13 I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry 14 in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. 15 For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 16 If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.**

- Hopeful thinking by Paul...as with an old olive tree...
- The tree may look dead on the outside...
- But the root and trunk may still have life in them!**

**Here's the hope...**

**17 If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in**

among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, 18 do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” 20 Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

- Some branches have been removed B/C of unbelief- Jews!
- The wild braches- gentiles- have been grafted in! Great!
- But... it is B/C of the life in the root... you now have life!

The Jews brought us the Savior! The promise to Abraham is still in affect!

- He is the father of faith... Salvation is still by faith in Jesus!!!
- So... faith is the key... so don't put down the Jews...
- Watch your own behavior and urgency for Jesus
- Unless you too be broken off!
- Big warning to cults, unbiblical teaching, churches, unfruitful Christians, etc. Be on guard for the effectiveness of your faith!

22 Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

- Continue in following Jesus...
- “Those who continue to the end will be saved!” Matt. 24:13
- Easy believeism must give way to becoming His disciple!
- Luke 9:23 is the measuring stick!!

- **Warning of the coming events... in Rev. 17**
- **The anti-Christ will draw together all the apostate churches left after the Rapture!**
- **Then, He will turn on them... destroy them all (vs.16)**
- Making himself (antichrist) the one to be worshipped!!!
- There is a nasty day of reckoning for apostate CINO people!
- The apostate church... will be destroyed by the Antichrist!
- The great prostitute of Rev. 17... made up of those whose names not written in the Lamb's book of life... but religious!

**Now for the Jews of the present and beyond:**

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

- **God does have a plan for the Jews... His choosing!**
- **If they believe in His Son... Boom! Back in!!**

**Back to the Gentile Believers...**

**24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!**

- **Paul restates the condition of Gentiles...**
- **We're wild olive shoots... grafted into the cultivated root...**
- **The spiritual life meant originally for Jews... now available to Gentiles- the whole world!!**
- **Believing Jews will be welcomed back quickly!!**

**25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited:**

**Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,**

- We see that now...

**But about the Jews...**

**26 and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. 27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”**

- **So who is “all Israel”? Great question!**

**All Israel means- “The entire nation that survives God’s judgment during the Great Tribulation!”**

- A Jewish remnant has already been identified...
- Not all the “branches had been broken off the olive tree”
- But this “all Israel”- is something more!

**In Rev. 7:1-8 and 11:3-13 and 14:6-7**

- 144K Jewish evangelists- will be chosen and sent to reach out to the world with the gospel during the first 3-1/2 years of the Tribulation!!
- Many will believe because of their preaching of the Gospel!
- And... the Two Witnesses... will preach for 3-1/2 years...
- And... God’s messenger angel will come to bring the good news

**All these plus the remnant will comprise “All Israel” Jer. 31:31-38**

**Again Israel’s situation is addressed:**

**28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, 29 for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.**

- God has never forgotten His covenant or those to whom He made the covenant with!
- God chose His people & remains faithful to His promise...
- That He will save His People... the Jews who are alive, even resurrected & believing at the end of the Tribulation!

Finishing up...

**30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. 32 For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.**

- Salvation will only come by faith in Jesus...
- We're all guilty of sin and all condemned
- So salvation has one Door... Jesus
- For Jews and Gentiles!!

Now the doxology...

**33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" 35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" 36 For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

**Next week... More on God's Big Deal For The Jews...**

Next Time- Part 14- Romans 12... Nathan

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**“Defining The New You”**

**Close and Pray**