

Mercy for All Who Believe

ROMANS 11:1-32
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God has not rejected **ISRAEL** (v. 1-10)

chosen, not forsaken Deut 7:6; Lev 26:44; Ps 94:14; Jer 31:37

 **by grace, not merit** Eph 2:8–9; Titus 3:5; Rom 4:4–5; Deut 9:6; Rom 3:23–24

but their unbelief opened the door to **GENTILES**, (v. 11-24)

not beyond hope Hos 3:5; Isa 54:7–8; Deut 30:3; Zech 12:10; Ezek 36:26; Acts 3:19–20

 **continue in his kindness** John 15:4; Rom 2:4; Col 1:23; Heb 3:14; Eph 2:7; 1 Cor 10:12

yet **MERCY** awaits *all* who **BELIEVE**. (v. 25-32)

the Deliverer is coming 1 Thess 1:10; Luke 1:68–69; Heb 9:28; Rev 1:7

mercy for the disobedient Gal 3:22; Eph 2:4–5; Luke 18:13; Neh 9:17; Luke 6:35–36

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You
Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with one another as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:
*Who's the first person you call or text when you have good news?
Tell us about the last time you got to be the one to deliver it.*

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

-  **Read Romans 11:1-32.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
-  **Read 1 Kings 19:9–18.** Paul asks, *“Has God rejected his people?”* and answers, *“By no means!” (Rom 11:1).* Elijah looked at Israel and concluded he was the only one left, but God said he had kept seven thousand. Paul uses that story to answer whether God has rejected his people. What does it show about the difference between what we can see and what God is actually doing?
 - When have you been certain things were worse than they really were? What did you miss at the time?
-  **Read Ephesians 2:8–9 and Deuteronomy 9:4–6.** Moses tells Israel plainly that it is *not* because of their righteousness that they are receiving the land. In Romans 11 Paul says the remnant exists *“by grace” (11:5–6)* and says the same about us in Ephesians 2. Why is it so easy to slip into thinking God's favor is something we earn? What happens to us when we do?
 - Where do you notice yourself acting as though God's favor depends on how well you're doing?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.

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Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.
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Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.
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Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.
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Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week’s message.

Word Find: Romans 11:1-6 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ I ask, **then**, has God **rejected** his own **people**, the **nation** of **Israel**? Of **course** not! I myself am an **Israelite**, a **descendant** of **Abraham** and a **member** of the **tribe** of **Benjamin**. ² No, God has not **rejected** his own **people**, whom he **chose** from the very **beginning**. Do you **realize** what the **Scriptures** say about this? **Elijah** the **prophet** **complained** to God about the **people** of **Israel** and **said**, ³ “**LORD**, they have **killed** your **prophets** and **torn** down your **altars**. I am the **only** one **left**, and now they are **trying** to **kill** me, too.” ⁴ And do you remember God’s reply? He **said**, “No, I have 7,000 others who have never bowed down to Baal!” ⁵ It is the same today, for a few of the **people** of **Israel** have remained faithful because of God’s **grace**—his **undeserved kindness** in **choosing** them. ⁶ And since it is through God’s **kindness**, **then** it is not by their good works. For in that case, God’s **grace** would not be what it really is—free and **undeserved**.

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Read **Ezekiel 36:26–27**. Paul says in **Romans 11:11** that Israel has stumbled, but not so as to fall beyond recovery! Back in Ezekiel, God promised, “*I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh*,” and says he will put his own Spirit within them. Who does the changing in this promise, and what does that mean for how we think about people whose hearts seem hard toward God?

• Who in your life seems far from God right now?

How might this change the way you pray for them?
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In **Romans 11:17-22**, Paul warns us not to be arrogant but to stand by faith and continue in God’s kindness. Where do you most easily slide from gratitude for what God has given you into feeling that you are somehow better than someone else?
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Read **1 Thessalonians 1:9–10**. Paul quotes Isaiah in **Romans 11:26–27** that the Deliverer (Jesus) will come and take away their sins. He also tells the Thessalonians that Jesus “*delivers us from the wrath to come*.” Many parts of Romans 11 are hard to work out, but this part is clear. What do you think it means to wait for Jesus, and how might/does that play out in everyday life?

Taking It Home

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God received you by mercy, not because you were better than anyone else. Who is one person you tend to keep at a distance because they’re different from you? What is one step you can take this week to get to know them?

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cultivates honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.

How will you live into that role this week?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

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