

Introduction

I have a passion for training leaders. In particular, I have a passion for training church leaders. I have found that many people in the church, including pastors, do not understand Biblical leadership and government. When planting churches, I have found it very important to make sure that the leaders have a great grasp of leadership and government. I do not want them uninformed or ignorant about what God is establishing; therefore, I have done a lot of training of leaders in this area.

Paul taught a lot about church leadership and government, so it was obviously a passion of his. But, there were many other things that he did not want the church to be uninformed or ignorant about. In 1 Corinthians 12:1, Paul wrote that he did not want the church to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. Paul was led by the Holy Spirit in what he wrote, so it is really God who does not want us to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. In Romans 12, we will be looking at the parallel passage about spiritual gifts, and learning about them so that we are not ignorant.

(1 Cor 12:1) “Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.”

In 1 Thessalonians 4:13, Paul wrote that he did not want the church to be ignorant about what happens to believers when they die so that we do not grieve like those without hope. I have lots of people who ask me about what happens when people die, so there are lots of people who are uninformed about death. There are many people in the church today that are without understanding of this important doctrine.

(1 Thess 4:13) “But we do not want you to be uninformed (agnoeo), brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.”

In verse twenty-five of our text today, Paul wrote, “For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.” The Greek word that is translated as uninformed is agnoeo (Strong’s G50), and it is a compound word. The “a” is a negative prefix, and noeo is the main word, which is a derivative from ginosko, which means to know. It is used twenty-two times and is most frequently translated as ignorant or uninformed.

(Rom 11:25) “For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;”

God does not want us ignorant or uninformed about this mystery. What is this mystery? The mystery is that Gentiles are included in God’s plan of salvation. In Ephesians 3:2-6, Paul wrote that God had given him revelation about this mystery. He said that in other generations they had not understood it, but now it had been made known to the apostles and prophets in the Spirit. The mystery is that Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Paul wrote about the mystery, but did not explain it. Instead, his focus was about the attitude that Gentiles should have towards the Jewish believers.

(Eph 3:3-6) “that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. {4} By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, {5} which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men,

as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; {6} *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,”

Our passage today is about why we (Gentiles) should have a humble attitude towards the Jews. Paul gives four reasons. The first reason to have a humble attitude is that it is the root that supports the branches, and not vice versus. The Gentiles were wild branches that were grafted into the rich root of the olive tree. The second reason that we should have a humble attitude towards the Jews is that they are the natural branches, and they will be grafted into their own olive tree when the fullness of the Gentiles has come. The third reason we should be humble towards the Jews is that they are the beloved people of God, and He is in covenant with them. The fourth reason is that we need to show mercy to them because God has showed mercy to us.

Why We Should Have a Humble Attitude Towards the Jews

1. It is the root that supports the branches. (Rom 11:17-22)
2. They are natural branches that will be grafted into their own olive tree. (Rom 11:23-24)
3. God is in a covenant relationship with them. (Rom 11:25-30)
4. God has shown mercy to us. (Rom 11:31-32)

(Rom 11:17-24) “But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, {18} do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you. {19} You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." {20} Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; {21} for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. {22} Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. {23} And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. {24} For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree?”

(Rom 11:25-30) “For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; {26} and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." {27} "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." {28} From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; {29} for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. {30} For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,”

(Rom 11:31-32) “so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. {32} For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.”

(Rom 11:33-36) “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! {34} For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? {35} Or

WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?
{36} For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever.
Amen.”

1. **It is the root that supports the branches.** (Rom 11:17-22)

Paul has just finished sharing how God has been stretching out His hands to the Jews, who had been disobedient and obstinate. God had not rejected them; they had rejected God. But God was not done with the Jews. Jesus came to the house of Israel and He sent out the twelve apostles to the house of Israel. In Paul’s own ministry, he always went to the Jew first and then to the Greek. God is not done with the Jews; He is still stretching out His arms to them.

Our text last week ended with Paul saying that if the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too. This was a transitional verse where Paul switches from bread to branches. We start with verse seventeen where Paul said that some of the branches were broken off, and wild olive branches were grafted in. Paul is stating that some of the Jews, the descendants of Abraham, did not believe, and were therefore broken off. On the other hand, some of the branches were not broken off, which means that some of the Jews had believed and accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Other wild olive branches were grafted in, and became partakers of the rich root of the olive tree. The rejection by the Jews opened the door for Gentiles to be added to the church, or as our text starts, to be grafted in.

(Rom 11:16) “If the first piece *of dough* is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy, the branches are too.”

(Rom 11:17) “But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,”

While I am not an experienced expert on grafting, I am familiar with it. My mother’s father, Elbert Palmer, was an expert at grafting fruit trees. I would have loved to spend some time and learn from him. The Greeks and Romans have been grafting fruit trees for thousands of years, and Paul was obviously very familiar with the process. When grafting a fruit tree, there are several techniques used. A branch is cut off and a branch from another fruit tree is grafted in. Grafting requires the removal of a branch so that one can be added. Typically, a wedge is cut into the root stock, and then the branch to be grafted is cut with a point that will fit into the wedge in the root stock. The graft is then wrapped with clay or tape and kept together until the graft has healed. When planting grafted trees, it is important to keep the graft 3-5 inches above ground level so that the grafted branch does not put out roots.

Nearly forty years ago I first learned about grafting. I began to pray that God would give me a cocktail citrus tree. A cocktail tree has two or more varieties of fruit grafted into the same tree. When my son, David, was born, I received a phone call from Fred Dunn, who owned Dunn Nurseries. He was an elder at a church in Apopka, Florida, and he had heard that we just had our sixth child. I had never met Fred before, but he congratulated me on the birth of our son, and he said he wanted to bless us with a special gift. He said I would probably not know what a cocktail tree was, but he wanted to give us one. I told him that I not only knew what a cocktail tree was, but had been specifically praying for God to give me one. So, I drove to Apopka and picked up a cocktail citrus tree. It had oranges, grapefruit, and lemons on the same tree. God is so amazing and I am grateful for the specific prayers He answers.

Paul's application was our first point today. We are not to have an arrogant attitude towards the Jews because we do not support the root; the root supports the branches. We have been grafted into this rich root of the olive tree, and we must have a humble and grateful attitude. Some theologians believe the rich root stock is the Abrahamic covenant, by which all nations will be blessed. Therefore, it is important for Gentile believers to understand that the root supports them and not vice versus.

(Rom 11:18) "do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you."

Personally, I have always believed that the Jesus is the root, and that we are rooted in Him. In Romans 15:12, Paul quotes from Isaiah 11:10, saying, "There shall come the root of Jesse, and He who arises to rule over the Gentiles, in Him shall the Gentiles hope."

(Rom 15:12) "Again Isaiah says, "THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES, IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE."

(Is 11:10) "Then in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious."

In Colossians 2:6-7, Paul wrote, "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith." I believe that we are firmly rooted in Christ and built up in Him.

(Col 2:6-7) "Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him, {7} having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude."

In Revelation 22:16, Jesus said of Himself, "I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." Therefore, I believe that we are grafted into Jesus. It is Jesus who we believe in and put our faith in. It is because of the Jews' unbelief in Jesus the Messiah that they were broken off. This may be a mincing of words because the Abrahamic covenant by which all nations are blessed is Jesus. He is the seed of Abraham by which all nations are blessed. The kingdom of God requires faith. Abraham believed and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. The Jews that did not believe God, and tried to earn their way with works of the Law, were broken off. In their place, Gentiles were grafted into the tree. Paul warns that just as God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare anyone else that does not believe in Him.

(Rev 22:16) "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

Notice what Paul says in verses 19-22. Branches were broken off for their unbelief and that the Gentile believers stand by their faith. We are grafted into the rich root through placing our faith in Christ. Those that do not believe in Christ, whether Jew or Gentile are not spared. This may sound severe, but at the same time, we are grafted in by the kindness of God. It is by His grace that we are saved, and not by works. We see both the kindness and severity of God. The promises and covenant of God was made with the Jews, so their unbelief was the reason they were broken off. When that branch was cut off, it allowed the Gentile branches to be grafted in.

(Rom 11:19-22) “You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” {20} Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; {21} for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. {22} Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.”

2. **They are natural branches that will be grafted into their own olive tree.** (Rom 11:23-24)

The first reason that we should have a humble attitude towards Israel is that the root support the branches. God is the one that supports us, and we need to walk humbly before Him. The second reason that we should have a humble attitude towards the Jews is these natural branches will one day be grafted into their own olive tree. There will be a day in the future when many Jews will come to Christ. God has not forgotten about His chosen people. Notice what Paul says in verses 23-24, “they also (the Jews), if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.” Then, Paul says that if God can graft a wild olive branch into a cultivated olive tree, He can also graft the natural branches into their own olive tree.

(Rom 11:23-24) “And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. {24} For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree?”

There is an old saying in the corporate world that bosses need to treat their staff with honor and respect because they may be the boss someday. A few years ago I hired an engineer in Houston to be our manager there. He did an outstanding job for us, but his wife wanted to move away from Houston. In preparation for the move, he resigned as the manager, and we hired another man to manage our training center. The former manager's wife ended up not moving away, and so he continued to work for us, only this time, he was working for the man that he had hired and managed. He told his new manager that he hoped that he would be treated the same way that he had treated him. This is the same situation as in Romans 11:23. Gentiles have been grafted in and are experiencing salvation and God's blessings. But in the future, the Jews will be grafted in again, and we need to have a good relationship with them.

3. **God is in a covenant relationship with them.** (Rom 11:25-32)

We are to have a humble attitude towards the Jews because the branches are supported by the root. We are also to have a humble attitude towards the Jews because they will be grafted back into the olive tree. The third reason that we are to have a humble attitude towards the Jews is that God is in a covenant relationship with them. A partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. When that fullness happens, whenever or however much that is, there is going to be a softening of hearts and the Jews that believe will be grafted in again. We read that all Israel will be saved, but it is only the Jews that believe that will be saved. Just because someone has a Jewish heritage will not get them into heaven. Paul has already made that clear in the first ten chapters. In order to be saved, we must believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and we must confess Jesus as Lord. When we receive Christ, all of our sins are forgiven, and we are justified, or declared innocent and righteous. Paul quotes from Isaiah 59:20-21 and Jeremiah 31:33-34, saying that God will remove ungodliness from Jacob because of the covenant He has with them.

(Rom 11:25-27) “For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; {26} and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.” {27} “THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

(Is 59:20-21) “A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” declares the LORD. {21} “As for Me, this is My covenant with them,” says the LORD: “My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring,” says the LORD, “from now and forever.”

(Jer 31:33-34) “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. {34} “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

I want to stop for just a minute. There are some today that believe in a doctrine called “replacement theology.” *“It teaches that the church has replaced Israel in God’s plans, prophecies, and blessings. Replacement theology is not based on literal interpretation.”*¹ It interprets much of the references to Israel as metaphors, and were really meant for the church. *“The Bible is filled with prophecies promising peace and wealth to Israel, and a great many are still unfulfilled, including a promise detailing specific borders (Genesis 15:18-20; Numbers 34:1-12), a promise of a King from the line of David (2 Samuel 7), and a promise that Israel would one day be wholly devoted to God (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Some assumed they would be more easily and completely fulfilled through the church than through the Jewish people, and replacement theology was born.”*²

The advocates of Replacement Theology would not pray for Israel every month like we do. God is done with Israel, and the church is His sole focus. While there is some truth in that, God is building His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. While it is true that not all of Abraham’s descendants are true followers. Not all the circumcised are children of promise; it is those who are circumcised of heart. But, the church is made up of Jews and Gentiles and when the fullness of Gentiles has come, God is going to remove the hardness of heart and many Jews will enter into the kingdom of God. God is in a covenant relationship with the Jews, and He is not done with them. He has lots of plans for Israel, and He will fulfill all the promises and prophecies that He gave to them. The church needs to be very careful about writing off the promises made to Israel, who God is in covenant with. We need to bless Israel. It is not only the church that needs to be careful about disregarding Israel, our country needs to support and bless Israel. If we go against the people that God has made a covenant with, we will find that we are going against God.

(Gal 3:7-9) “Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. {8} The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel

¹ <https://www.compellingtruth.org/replacement-theology.html>

² <https://www.compellingtruth.org/replacement-theology.html>

beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." {9} So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer."

(Rom 2:28-29) "For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. {29} But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God."

In verse 28, Paul gets very practical and real. He said, "from the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake." Paul was a persecutor of the church, and knows first-hand that many of the Jews were enemies of the church. In his defense before King Agrippa in Acts 26, he tells how he had people put in prison and to death. From the standpoint of the gospel the Jews are enemies. The church needs to have a humble attitude towards the Jews, even if they are not receptive to the gospel at this point. Then, Paul speaks from God's standpoint. The Jews are beloved by God for the sake of their fathers. God's gifts and calling are irrevocable. God is not done with the Jews and we need to think from God's perspective, not just our own situation.

(Rom 11:28-29) "From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; {29} for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."

(Acts 26:9-11) "So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. {10} And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them. {11} And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities."

4. **God has shown mercy to us.** (Rom 11:30-32)

The fourth reason that we should have a humble attitude towards the Jews is that God has shown mercy to us when we were disobedient. The fact that the Jews have been disobedient and obstinate does not mean that we can treat them poorly. We need to have a humble and merciful attitude towards them. Paul states, "For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy." Notice how Paul ends, "For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all." God's heart and desire is to show mercy to all.

(Rom 11:30-32) "For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, {31} so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. {32} For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all."

Before we dove into Romans 10, I did a message on the framework of Romans 10. I laid out some guiding principles to help us see clearly. Many say that God has prepared vessels of wrath for the purpose of destroying them, and there are those that He specifically chose in advance to receive forgiveness. I gave you several supporting Scriptures showing that God's desire is that none should perish, but for all to come to repentance. Paul states it very clearly here that God

wants to show mercy to all. Even those who are disobedient, God is stretching out His arms, wanting them to repent and turn to Him, because He wants to show mercy to all.

There is an important principle to glean from this. God wants us to forgive people because he has forgiven us. In Matthew 18, Jesus told a parable to illustrate this principle. A man owed his master a large sum of money, and was unable to pay it. He begged for mercy and he was forgiven of his debt. However, another man owed him some money, and he threw him in prison over the debt. When the lord heard what this servant had done, he brought him in and said, “You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you.” God wants us to show mercy on others, and in particular the Jews, because He has shown mercy to us.

(Matt 18:32-33) “Then summoning him, his lord *said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. {33} 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?’”

Conclusion and Application

Paul ends this passage with an outburst of praise to God, declaring, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.”

(Rom 11:33-36) “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! {34} For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? {35} Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? {36} For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.”

In 1992 I was flying on TWA from Saint Louis, Missouri to Cedar Rapids, Iowa to play in a NIKE Tour event in Iowa City. When the plane reached an altitude of about 28,000 feet, the captain came on the intercom and said that we could now get up and move about the cabin. Even though the seatbelt sign was turned off, he encouraged everyone to keep them on. I pulled my Bible out and randomly turned to Romans 11:33. As soon as I opened the Bible the Holy Spirit gave me a song. Today, it remains one of my songs that Karen likes the most. I cannot take credit for it; the Holy Spirit just gave it to me, just like He has done many other times. What I like about it is that it is God-focused. It speaks of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God. It speaks of how unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways. These are great characteristics of God. It reminds us that there is no counsel against the Lord and that His thoughts are much higher than ours. It reminds us that everything that we have has come from Him and is ultimately for Him. It encourages us to give Him the glory forever. What a wonderful song of praise about God.

Paul’s outburst of praise to God is a fitting conclusion to his discussion on the mystery, and how God has not given up on His chosen people. He is now using the Gentiles to provoke them to jealousy. He is showing mercy to Gentiles and blessing all nations through the seed of Abraham. Even though we may not understand all of His ways, we can praise Him because of the depth of the riches of both wisdom and knowledge.

Question and Answers

- Paul uses the words, arrogant and conceited, in referring to the wrong attitude towards the Jews. Do you think that the church today is arrogant and conceited in our attitude towards the Jews? If so, what can the church do today to show a humble attitude towards the Jews?
- Was God's covenant with Abraham to all His descendants or only to those of faith? Was the Promised Land given to all of Israel, or only to those who had demonstrated faith? Was the return to Israel to some of its Promised Land a freak coincidence, or was this another fulfilled prophecy about Israel?
- The Jews were hostile towards the saints, yet Paul tells the church to show mercy to them because God has shown mercy to us. Is it difficult to forgive and show mercy to those that sin against us, even when they are trying to persecute and hurt us?

Introduction (1 Cor 12:1, 1 Thess 4:13, Rom 11:25, Eph 3:3-6, Rom 11:17-36)

1. **It is the root that supports the branches.** (Rom 11:17-22, 15:12, Is 11:10, Col 2:6-7, Rev 22:16)

2. **They are natural branches that will be grafted into their own olive tree.** (Rom 11:23-24)

3. **They are the beloved people of God that God is in covenant with.** (Rom 11:25-32, Is 59:20-21, Jer 31:33-34, Gen 15:18-20; Nu 34:1-12, Gal 3:7-9, Rom 2:28-29, Acts 26:9-11)

4. **God has shown mercy to us.** (Rom 11:30-32)

Conclusion and Application (Rom 11:33-36)