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Romans 11:25-36

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, 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."

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. 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.

Doxology

³³Oh, 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.

God used the Jews' rejection of Jesus to open the door to the Gentiles.

God can even use our rebellion as part of His plan.

Galatians 6:7-8

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

We should consider the kindness of God, but temper it with His holiness. Enjoy the kindness of the Lord, while living in the fear of the Lord.



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We are living in the "time of the Gentiles".

We live in the time of the Lord's favor.

Isaiah 61:1-2

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God,

Luke 4:16-21

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



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Hell will not be full of people God rejected – but full of people who rejected God.

God won't force Himself on us.

Joshua 24:15

¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

God gave us the freedom and the ability to reject Him.

We decide in this life where we will spend our eternal life.

Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰ "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

God will be faithful to His promise to Israel.

Even though God had turned His face from Israel because of their rebellion, He remembered His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.
² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

God's gifts and God's call are under full warranty—never canceled, never rescinded.



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God doesn't give up on us when we blow it.

We are all declared guilty of our sin.

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Everyone is in need of Jesus and His saving grace.

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