

"God's Relationship with Israel"

Romans 9-11

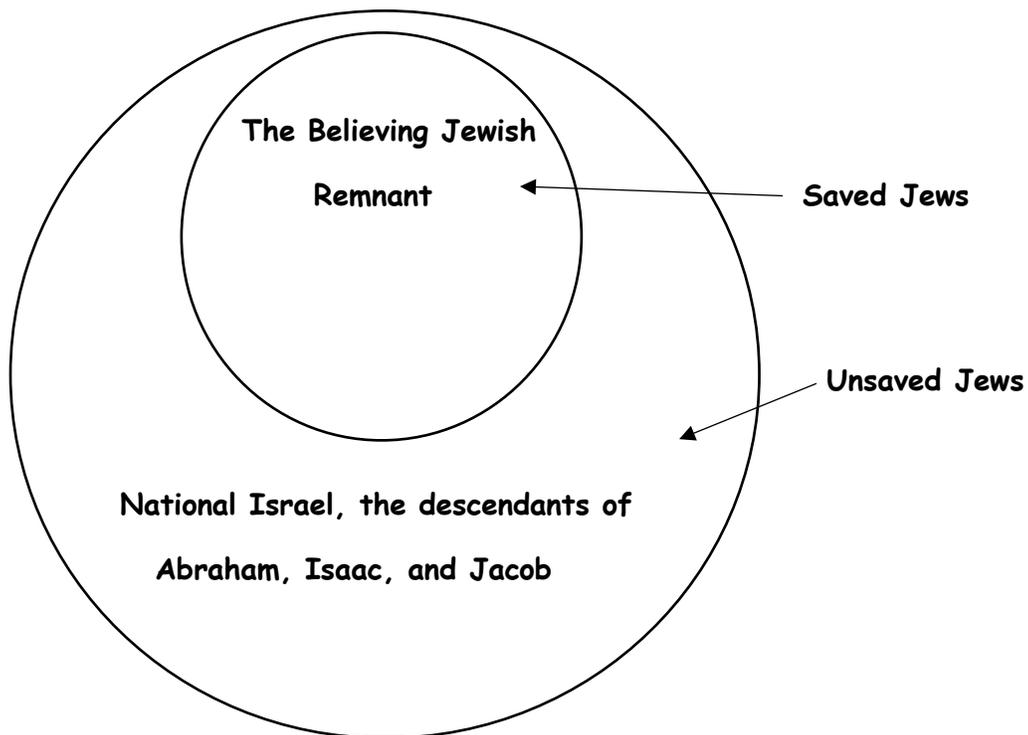
Part 26

Introduction: Two weeks ago, in our study of Romans we were looking at how there will be a Nation of Israel at the end of the tribulation through which God will fulfill the covenant promises in the Millennial Kingdom. We looked at a verse which many struggle with and that is Romans 11:26.

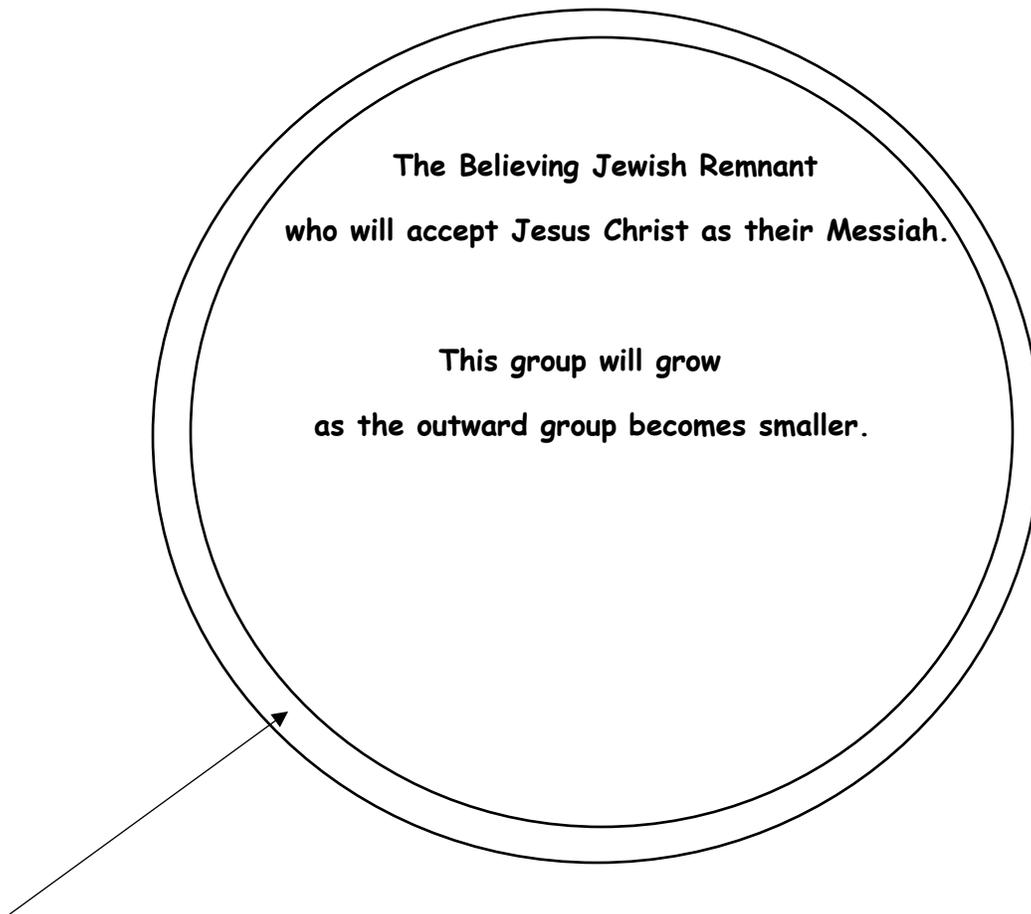
Notice Romans 11:26

This verse tells us that all of Israel will be saved. This does not mean that every Jew will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. The reality is that many Jews will perish in the tribulation period. The idea here is that at the end of the tribulation there will be a Nation of Israel that will enter the literal earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ, experience the fulfillments of the covenants, and they will all be saved. There will be no unsaved people who enter the Kingdom. There will be children born in the Kingdom and they will be unsaved but there will NOT be any unsaved who enter the Kingdom from the tribulation period.

The circles below help us to understand what will happen in the tribulation. The first circle pictures Israel's situation today.



In the tribulation the circles will change.



National Israel, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who reject Jesus as their Messiah.

Eventually the inward circle will fill the outward circle and so ALL ISRAEL will be saved.

Zechariah 13:8-9

⁸ *And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.*

⁹ *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*

Ezekiel 20:34-38

³⁴ *And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.*

³⁵ And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

³⁶ Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

³⁷ And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

*³⁸ And **I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me**: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.*

"Israel's Salvation"

Part 2

Notice Romans 11:28

Here Paul tells us that the Jews are enemies of the Gospel and it is for our sake. Many Jews despised the Gospel in Paul's day and many do today also. In Paul's day the greatest opposition to the Gospel came from the Jews.

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

¹⁴ For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

¹⁵ Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

¹⁶ Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

Because they rejected the Gospel and thus became enemies of the Gospel the Gentiles have benefited for God has turned to the Gentiles to take a people for His name. So, they are enemies for our sake, but they are elect and beloved for father's sakes. This is referring to how God will fulfill the covenants to the nation of Israel in the Kingdom. The **fathers** here refer to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Paul is saying that God loves the Nation of Israel and even though many have rejected their Messiah He will not cast them away because the promises and the covenants which God made with the fathers must be fulfilled.

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

⁷ The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

⁸ But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹ Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Notice Romans 11:29

This verse contains an amazing Truth. God had made covenants and promises to the Nation of Israel and they are irrevocable. This is exactly why Israel cannot be cast away and why there MUAST be a Nation at the end of the tribulation. This is exactly why the previous verse stated they are the elect for the sake of the fathers. God had made promises and covenants with the fathers and they are irrevocable. God will see that the all Israel will be saved in the tribulation so that He can fulfill His promises made to the fathers.

Application:

This verse is a great comfort to you and me also. The GIFT of eternal life is irrevocable as well as all the other blessings we have in Jesus Christ. He will never give up on us. Let me show you something which we discussed in Ephesians 2.

Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Just as God is committed to His promises to Israel so He is committed to showing the riches of His grace through us for all eternity. He has taken us who were dead in our sins, enemies of His, followers of this world, and servants of Satan and He has given to us eternal life and placed His Holy Spirit within us so that from us will come righteousness by His power. He has promised to present us holy and without blame before Him. He will NOT go back on His Word.

Colossians 1:21-22

²¹ *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*

²² *In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:*

Notice Romans 11:30-31

Because Israel rejected their Messiah, we received God's mercy. Now, because of the mercy we receive some of the Jews are provoked to jealousy and they then turn to the Lord and they too receive mercy.

Notice Romans 11:32

The word "concluded" here means "to be shut up together". It has the idea of catching fish in a net. The entire human race, both Jew and Gentile together are caught in sin's net in which God demands perfect righteousness in order to be set free. There is not one person who is exempt.

Romans 3:9-10

⁹ *What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;*

¹⁰ *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

Notice Romans 11:32 again.

The word "unbelief" means "willful unbelief". Before we were saved, we were caught in God's net because of willful unbelief and willful disobedience and not only us but the entire human race.

Why did God allow man to sin? He could have stopped it all back in the Garden of Eden. When Adam sinned God knew what the consequences would be, He knew it would mean the death of His Son. So, why did He allow it all to happen?

Notice Romans 11:32 again.

The answer is, so that He could show mercy to all who would believe. Had God not permitted man to fall into sin we would never know the depths of His love and mercy for us. If God had stopped Adam and Eve, we would know of God's love but not in the way in which we know it through the cross today.

Every person is caught in the net of sin and it is not God's desire that any should perish. His longsuffering is constantly extended to sinful mankind.

Ezekiel 33:11

¹¹ Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Conclusion:

Next week we will finish this chapter and look at the beautiful doxology which Paul finished with. For tonight I want to close with a poem that shows the proper attitude we should have toward the Jews.

The Jew

*Scattered by God's almighty hand,
Afflicted and forlorn,
Sad wanderers from their pleasant Land,
Do Judah's children mourn;
And e'en in Christian countries, few
Breathe thoughts of pity for the Jew.*

*Yet listen, Gentile, do you love
The Bible's precious page?
Then let your heart with kindness move
To Israel's heritage;
Who traced those lines of love for you?
Each sacred writer was a Jew.*

*And then as years and ages passed,
And Nations rose and fell,
Though clouds and darkness oft were cast
O'er captive Israel
The oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew.*

*And when the great Redeemer came
For guilty man to bleed.
He did not take an angel's name,
No, born of Abraham's seed,
Jesus, who gave His life for you—
The gentle Saviour — was a Jew.*

*And though His own received Him not,
And turned in pride away,
Whence is the Gentile's happier lot?
Are you more just than they?
No! God in pity turned to you—
Have you no pity for the Jew?*

*Go, then, and bend your knee to pray
For Israel's ancient race;
Ask the dear Saviour every day
To call them by His grace.
Go, for a debt of love is due
From Christian Gentiles to the Jew.*