

“A Remnant by Grace”
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: In the universal proclamation of the gospel God seeks a remnant to be saved by grace.

Paul asks a rhetorical question in verse 1 of chapter 11: “I ask then, has God rejected his people?” and answers his own question with a resounding, “Of course not!” If God hasn’t rejected his people, why aren’t they all saved? Has God failed? In one sense, not all who are biological Israelites are children of Abraham, only those who share Abraham’s faith (Romans 4:16). In another sense, God used the disobedience of the Israelites to open the door to the Gentiles being saved, a condition God himself will then use to “graft” Israel back into his “olive tree” (see Romans 11:24-26). Until then, a remnant of Israel will be saved through the preaching of the gospel. This doesn’t show God to be impotent; it shows him to be Sovereign.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 10:18-11:6** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **“A Remnant by Grace.”**

DIG IN

1. God seeks the Rebellious. (Romans 10:18-21)

What is the first excuse Israel might have used to justify their rejection of God (v. 18)? Why is that a poor excuse (see Psalm 19:1-4)?

On the last day when sinners are judged, why will no one be able to say that he has never heard?

Has unbelieving Israel understood God’s revelation in Jesus Christ? Why or why not?

In what ways does idolatry dull our senses to God’s revelation?

In what ways has God reached out his hand to a disobedient and contrary people (Romans 10:21)?

2. God saves the Remnant. (Romans 11:1-6)

In what ways is Paul’s salvation proof that God has not rejected his people?

In what ways does the fact that there were 7,000 men in Elijah’s day who did not bow the knee to Baal (Romans 11:4; 1 Kings 19:18) testify to God’s faithfulness? How does that help us trust in God’s faithfulness today?

In what ways does a remnant of Israel testify to the saving grace of God?

Why is it important to remember that our salvation and security don’t depend on us but on Christ? In what ways is this exercise of God’s grace assure us today?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?