

## **God's Grace: Covenant Blessing to Jew and Gentile**

### **Romans 11:28-36 (Part 2)**

#### **Introduction**

1. Romans chapters 1-8 define the essential Gospel
2. Romans chapters 9-11 cover God's sovereignty; His promises and His future plan for the Jews and Gentiles

#### **1. The current situation among the nations (11:28a)**

1. They rejected Christ's claims and the many "signs" which validated His words showing Him to be the Messiah
2. The Jews opposed the preaching of the Gospel (Acts 4:1-21; 5:17-40)
3. In their pride, they sought to justify themselves by their own works rather than by grace and faith alone
4. They also opposed the teaching, that Gentiles could become children of Abraham apart from good works, and the Jewish rite of circumcision
5. The position the Jews took was tantamount to denying the covenant promises that God made with Abraham the head of the Jewish nation (Gen.15:6; 12:3; Jn.8:56)

1. Abraham was justified by faith apart from works and apart from circumcision (Gen.15:6)

2. God's covenant promise to Abraham was that, "all peoples of the earth will be blessed through you" (Gen.12:3)

#### **2. The future situation with Israel (11:28b-29)**

1. The electing purposes of God (Rom.11:28b; 9:6-13; 8:30)
2. The origin of God's electing purposes for the Jews (11:28b; Gen.17:7; 14:2; 7:6)
3. God guarantees His electing purposes (11:29)
  1. God's "gifts" refer to the privileges Paul has mentioned in Rom.9:4-5 and 3:2b

**2. God's call (Rom.11:29; 8:30)**

**1. God's "call" here is not God's general call, but His "effective call"**

**2. God's call is irrevocable**

**3. God's process plan for the nations (11:30-31) (ESV)**

**1. In the OT the Gentiles were disobedient to God (They were, "not my people" and "not my loved ones" (Rom.9:25)**

**2. Because of the Jewish rejection of Christ and the gospel, most Jews were "hardened" (Rom.11:7,25)**

**3. The Gentiles who were, "not my people" and "not my loved ones" (Rom.9:25) became, "my loved one" (9:25) and, "sons of the living God" (9:26) (See too Rom.10:20)**

**4. The conversion and privileged position of the Gentile Christians will lead the Jews to envy (Rom.10:19; 11:11,14) and in God's mercy, the ultimate conversion of the Jewish nation, despite their current disobedience (11:15-16,25-32)**

**4. The basis of God's operation (11:32)**

**1. "All" without exception (11:32a; Romans Chapter 1; Chapters 2-3; Rom.3:23; Gal.3:22-23; Col.2:13)**

**1. The Gentiles, as we saw in Rom.1, are disobedient to God's general revelation of Himself in creation**

**2. The Jews are disobedient to God's special revelation in the Bible (Rom.2-3)**

**2. "All" without distinction (11:32b)**

**1. Here the "all" refers to all manner of people without distinction**

**2. The condition of "all"**

**3. But God**

**Conclusion (Doxology)**

