

Paul's Letter to the

Romans



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Witness to the Jews

- Remember the 7 advantages? (9:4,5)
- Jews had heard but rejected
- Created a partial, temporary hardening
- Gentile blessing flowed from this
- “how much more” when Jews accept?!
- BUT - Gentiles beware!!!

Gentile Warnings! (16-24)

- First part, root... Jewish people
- Some branches - unbelief!
- Wild olive branch
- Total change of life for Gentiles - rich root
- Arrogance?! (stop) Exulting, boasting
- Root bears you!! Jewish example...
- Concern not disdain! Your position...

Gentile rejection?

- God did the 'unnatural'... wild/natural
- Because of unbelief!!! (20)
 - You stand by faith...
 - High-minded pride? Failure!
 - Take your position to heart!
- Or you will make the same error = end!!!

Kindness of God? (22)

- God's response to us: if you continue!
– If you do not continue... both pres. act.
- God is able to graft again!
- Much more – God can/will do this
- Don't be uninformed – slow/dull!
- Fullness of Gentiles (Mt 24:14)

God's plan for 'Israel'

- Isa 59:20,21 – promise of restoration
 - 144,000 will be a part of this...
- 'Enemies' yet beloved by God
 - Sake of the 'fathers' – Abram, Isaac...
 - Gifts and calling of Israel...
 - Irrevocable – unregretted (1x)

Just like you (30-32)

- You were disobedient, but now
- Mercy! To Gentiles...
- And that mercy will be shown to Israel
- All disobedient ~ to all mercy! (32)
- All must pass thru the mercy of God!

Reasons for Worship (33-36)

- Riches of wisdom and knowledge!
- Unsearchable judgements
- Unfathomable ways
- Who knows His mind? Infinite knowledge
- Who is His counselor? Limitless wisdom
- Who serves/acts like God?