

# ROMANS

## THE RELIABILITY OF GOD

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### Jews and Gentiles occupy unique roles in God's fulfillment of His promise (11:13-18).

1. There is active interaction between them in the process of evangelism.

**Rom. 11:13** Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry **14** in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

2. Jewish inclusion makes sense (natural branches) (15-16).

- a. Ethnic Jews can still be saved through faith in Christ

**Rom. 11:15** For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

- b. Ethnic Jews (lump / branches) still share in the blessing of the Patriarchs (firstfruits / root)

**Rom. 11:16** If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

3. Gentile inclusion is an "unexpected" event (wild olive shoot).

- a. Gentiles have been grafted into the natural olive tree

**Rom. 11:17** But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,

- b. Gentiles should not act contemptuously towards modern Jews

**Rom. 11:18** do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

## Jews and Gentiles share in this promise through faith (11:19-24).

1. Ethnic Jews exclude themselves through unbelief while Gentiles are included by faith (19-20a).

**Rom. 11:19** Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” **20a** That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith.

**Rom. 9:30** What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; **31** but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. **32** Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,

2. Gentiles should respond to their inclusion with humility.

**Rom. 11:20b** So do not become proud, but fear. **21** For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. **22** Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.

3. Though many ethnic Jews are excluded, they can be included again through faith.

**Rom. 11:23** And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. **24** For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

## SONGS

“Everlasting God” – Brenton Brown, Ken Riley

“Way Maker” – Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

“Build My Life” – Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, and Matt Redman

“Cornerstone” – William B. Bradbury, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Edward Mote, Jonas Myrin

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$26,617.00  
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$536,752.00  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$559,664.00