

V1 I SAY THEN GOD HAS NOT REJECTED HIS PEOPLE HAS HE PAUL ANSWERS MAY IT NEVER BE THEN PAUL PRESENTS HIMSELF AS PROOF HE HAD RESPONDED BY FAITH TO JESUS CHRIST AND RECEIVED GOD'S PROVIDED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HE WAS AN ISRAELITE OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN

V2-3 PAUL'S NEXT PROOF THAT GOD HAS NOT REJECTED HIS PEOPLE IS TAKEN FROM HISTORY DURING ELIJAH'S MINISTRY IN WHICH HE PETITIONS GOD AGAINST ISRAEL COMPLAINING THAT HE IS THE ONLY ISRAELITE LEFT AND THEY ARE TRYING TO KILL HIM AND WHAT DID GOD TELL HIM

GOD HAD NOT REJECTED HIS PEOPLE WHOM HE FOREKNEW HE HAD RESERVED FOR HIMSELF A GODLY REMNANT IN ISRAEL THAT NUMBERED SEVEN THOUSAND THIS WAS THE WORK OF GOD ACCORDING TO GOD'S GRACIOUS CHOICE

V5-6 PAUL WAS ONLY ONE OF THE MANY IN HIS GENERATION ELECTED TO FAITH FROM THE PEOPLE OF FAITH FROM THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL A WORK OF GRACE EPH 2:8-10 AND NOT OF WORKS

V7-10 WHAT THEN ISRAEL SOUGHT SALVATION BY WORKS AND THEY DID NOT OBTAIN IT BUT THOSE WHO WERE CHOSEN BY GRACE OBTAINED IT AND THE REST WERE HARDENED ROM 9:18 SO THEN HE HAS MERCY ON WHOM HE DESIRES AND HE HARDENS WHOM HE DESIRES

ROM 10:4 FOR CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH IN THE WORK OF HIS SON FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN NOT OUR WORKS

THERE ARE ONLY TWO RELIGIONS IN THE WORLD WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS NOBODY CAN FULFILL THE FIRST BUT EVERYBODY CAN RESPOND TO THE SECOND

V11 I SAY THEN DID THEY STUMBLE SO AS TO FALL BEYOND RECOVERY MAY IT NEVER BE BY THEIR STUMBLING SALVATION HAS COME TO THE GENTILES TO MAKE ISRAEL JEALOUS

V12 NOW IF THEIR TRANSGRESSION IS RICHES FOR THE WORLD AND GENTILES CERTAINLY THE WORLD HAS BEEN ENRICHED SPIRITUALLY BECAUSE OF SO MANY GENTILES COMING TO CHRIST BUT EVEN GREATER RICHES WILL BE ENJOYED AFTER THE CONVERSION OF ISRAEL AT THE LORD'S RETURN ROM 11:25

V13-14 PAUL SAYS I AM SPEAKING TO YOU GENTILES AS THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES MAGNIFYING HIS MINISTRY BY PROVOKING HIS FELLOW JEWS TO JEALOUSY RESULTING IN SALVATION FOR SOME OF THEM

V15 FOR IF THEIR REJECTION MEANT THE RECONCILIATION OF THE WORLD IN THE PURPOSE OF GOD BECAUSE ISRAEL REJECTED CHRIST THE GOSPEL WAS TAKEN TO THE GENTILES

PAUL WAS CONVINCED THAT ISRAEL'S STUMBLING WAS TEMPORARY SO HE ASKED WHAT WILL THEIR ACCEPTANCE BE BUT LIFE FROM THE DEAD THEY WILL BE SAVED

V16 PAUL USES AN ILLUSTRATION OF DOUGH AND A LUMP AND ROOTS AND BRANCHES IN BOTH ILLUSTRATIONS THE PRINCIPLE IS THE SAME WHAT IS CONSIDERED FIRST CONTRIBUTES ITS CHARACTER TO WHAT IS RELATED TO IT

WITH A TREE THE ROOT OBVIOUSLY COMES FIRST AND CONTRIBUTES THE NATURE OF THAT TYPE OF TREE TO THE BRANCHES THAT COME LATER

WITH THE CAKE PRESENTED TO THE LORD THE FLOUR FOR THE CAKE IS TAKEN FROM THE GROUND MEAL BUT THAT CAKE IS FORMED AND BAKED FIRST AND PRESENTED AS THE FIRST FRUIT SINCE IT IS SET APART TO THE LORD FIRST IT SANCTIFIES THE WHOLE HARVEST

THE FIRST FRUITS AND THE ROOT REPRESENT THE PATRIARCHS OF ISRAEL OR ABRAHAM AND THE LUMP AND THE BRANCHES REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AS A RESULT ISRAEL IS SET APART OR HOLY TO GOD AND HER STUMBLING OR REJECTION OF CHRIST MUST THEREFORE BE TEMPORARY