

Living Connections Bible Study



Unfinished

Text: Romans 11:1-10

Prayer:

Icebreaker: Talk about unfinished projects you intend to finish someday. Are there any projects you started but have abandoned and don't intend to finish?

Because of Israel's unbelief and rejection of their Messiah some contend that the Church has become the recipient of all the blessings that were promised to Israel, and God is finished with them.

1. Has God replaced Israel with the church? Does God have a plan for Israel in the future? 11:1^a
1 Samuel 12:22; Psalm 94:14; Jeremiah 18:3-6; 31:31-37

2. How does Paul illustrate that God is saving individual Jews, making them a part of His *elect* people, the *Church*, during this present age. 11:1^b

When Jesus came to earth and the nation Israel rejected Him, it didn't take God by surprise. It's not as if God said, *Oh no! Now what am I going to do?* ...as though Israel's failure was unknown to God in eternity past and so He had to come up with a different plan.

3. What do we learn about individual Jews, like Paul, who come to God through faith in the Savior during this Church Age? verse 2^a; 1 Peter 1:1-2

4. How does Paul illustrate that God reserves for Himself a righteous remnant even in the worst of times, made up of individuals who have come to Him on the basis of grace through faith and not by human effort and works. verses 2^b-6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 1:16-17; 5:1-2

5. What had unbelieving Israel been seeking, but did not obtain, while the elect (the Church) did obtain it? verse 7; 3:21-22; 9:30-32

6. From the following verses discuss the consequences of rejecting God's grace through unbelief in the promises of God and the Savior He provided us.

Romans 11:7^b _____

Isaiah 6:9-10 _____

Romans 11:8 _____

Deuteronomy 29:2-4; Psalm 103:7 _____

Isaiah 29:10 _____

Romans 11:9-10

Jesus prayed for those who rejected and crucified Him: *Father forgive them. They don't know what they are doing.* But there were some, especially Israel's religious leaders, those who stirred up the multitude to ask for Jesus' death. These were not ignorant of what they were doing. They saw Jesus' miracles and heard His words but attribute His power to Satan. They rejected, discredited, and crucified Him so they could hold on to their political power and the financial privileges granted by Rome.

Think about it this week:

Romans 11:9-10 is a quote from Psalm 69, which is a precatory Messianic Psalm. A precatory Psalm is a prayer against one's enemies. This was a prayer of David, but this prayer would later be prayed by Jesus as He suffered at the hands of those who would reject and crucify Him. Read through Psalm 69 and see how many parallels you can find to Jesus' experience in the Gospels.