

the Callous on Israel's Heart Is Not Final – There Is to Be a Restoration

Romans 11: 11–16

1. *Proof 1:*

God has counteracted

Israel's stumbling over Christ

- a. God opened salvation to the Gentiles
- b. God stirs the Jews to be restored
- c. God assures
the glorious restoration of Israel
and assures
a rich blessing for the whole earth

2. *Proof 2:*

Paul tried to stir the Jews to be saved

- a. By magnifying his ministry
to the Gentiles
- b. Paul's purpose
 - 1) To stir some to be saved
 - 2) To bring about the restoration,
the great climax of history

3. *Proof 3:*

The forefathers,

that is, the patriarchs,

passed down a heritage of holiness

11 Again I ask:

Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery?

Not at all!

Rather,

because of their transgression,
salvation has come to the Gentiles
to make Israel envious.

12 But if their transgression

means riches for the world,

and their loss means riches for the Gentiles,

how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

13 I am talking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles,

I make much of my ministry,

14 In the hope that I may somehow arouse

my own people to envy

and save some of them.

15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world,

what will their acceptance be

but life from the dead?

16 If the part of the dough

offered as first fruits is holy,

then the whole batch is holy;

if the root is holy,

so are the branches.

The Callous on Israel's Heart Is a Warning to Other Nations

Romans 11: 17-24

1. *A parable of the olive tree*

- a. Some branches are broken off:
Jews
- b. Some wild branches are grafted in:
Gentiles

2. *Warning 1:*

Do not be arrogant

- a. You are wild and grafted in
- b. You are not the root

3. *Warning 2:*

Fear complacency and unbelief

- a. Israel was not rejected for the Gentiles,
but because of unbelief
- b. The Gentiles stand,
are saved, by faith
- not by any merit of their own
- c. God is less likely to spare unnatural
branches (the Gentiles)

4. *Warning 3:*

Take a sharp look at the kindness and sternness of God

- a. God was severe to those who fell
- b. God is kind to the steadfast

5. *Warning 4:*

The restoration is a probable event

- a. If unbelief is removed
- b. "God is able..."
- c. The grafting of a natural branch
(the Jews) is more likely
than the calling of the Gentiles

17 If some of the branches have been broken off,
and you, though a wild olive shoot,
have been grafted in among the others
and now share in the nourishing sap
from the olive root,

18 Do not boast over those branches.

If you do, consider this:
You do not support the root,
but the root supports you.

19 You will say then,
"Branches were broken off
so that I could be grafted in."

20 Granted.

But they were broken off because of unbelief,
and you stand by faith.
Do not be arrogant,
but be afraid.

21 For if God did not spare the natural branches,
he will not spare you either.

22 Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God:
sternness to those who fell,
but kindness to you,
provided that you continue in his kindness.
Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

23 And if they do not persist in unbelief,
they will be grafted in,
for God is able to graft them in again.

24 After all,
if you were cut out of an olive tree
that is wild by nature,
and contrary to nature
were grafted into a cultivated olive tree,
how much more readily will these,
the natural branches,
be grafted into their own olive tree!