

Why do Good People Reject Free Grace?
Romans 11:1-10
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Some good church people fall away from the faith. Why?

Some covenant children and nice neighbors reject free grace. Why?

All good people, sincere people make it to heaven, don't they?

Has God rejected his people?

It is God's Fault (v 1-4)

"God has broken His promise. God is unfaithful."

If God is unfaithful there is no hope.

Paul's Answer? Not possible, God is faithful.

Two reasons,

1) I am a Jew and a Christian.

2) There is a remnant even today.

We are often tempted to believe that God has failed us.

I am not good enough. (V 5-6)

Election, salvation is by grace, not works.

But if you think of faith as a work you are lost in the deep weeds.

Have you ever tried to transmit a radio signal from your radio?

When we are trusting ourselves, we are not trusting God.

What is a 'Closet Arminian'?

God Hardens (V 7-10)

Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking.

We can trace this hardening back to the free, sovereign choice of God.

We can also trace this hardening to the sinful choices of wicked men.

It is a both - and. It is a mystery.

Who is it that God hardens? Look at the example of Pharaoh.

Paul cites three examples.

This hardening is the free choice of God and the consequence of their rebellion.

If you consistently reject the gospel offer and continue in your sin, God will harden your heart.