

Romans 11:1-10
The Remnant of Israel

Not now ...

- I. God's People
 - A. His Perpetual Favor
 - B. Apostolic Evidence
- II. A Remnant
 - A. Elijah's Consolation
 - B. The Elect
 - 1. Chosen
 - 2. Hardened
- III. Grace is Grace
 - A. The Giver
 - B. The Receiver

... and never.

Children, Listen ...

1. What were God's Old Testament people called?
2. When Jesus came did God forget all about His Old Testament people?
3. What nation did the apostle Paul come from?
4. Was the Jewish Messiah (Savior) only for Jewish people?
5. People are only saved by God's favor that none of us deserve. What is that favor called?

Grace is Grace

Paul makes it clear that God has not forgotten His people Israel but He also makes it clear that the remnant that are saved among them are saved by grace alone. We understand that this is true for any sinner and that such grace will manifest itself in faith in Jesus Christ. The apostle reminds all reader that grace in order to be grace must remain grace – the pure unmerited favor of the Sovereign God. There can be no admixture of works of the law, ethnicity or any other man-ward effort that can add to the full sufficiency of grace extended to us through the work of Jesus Christ. If that were so ... it would not be grace. Sound redundant? Perhaps. But that is a theme that Paul is compelled to drive home again and again. Yes there is evidence of the presence of grace in the life of faith and it will always be attended by good works, but the Christian can rest assured that salvation is given full and free through the kindness of our loving extended to us through the finished work of God's only begotten Son. Is this your eternal confidence today? If so live your life in thanksgiving to Him with all due diligence to His glory.