

Romans 11:25-32
All Israel Will Be Saved

Issues before us ...

I. The Mystery Explained

- A. Hardening of Israel
- B. Fullness of Gentiles
- C. Salvation of Israel
 - 1. Deliverer: Psalm 14; etc. (p 453)
 - 2. Forgiveness: Jeremiah 31:31-33; etc. (p 660)

II. The Mystery Thickens

- A. Regarding the G
 - 1. Enemies
 - 2. For Your Sake
- B. Regarding Election
 - 1. Beloved
 - 2. For Forefather's Sake
- C. Irrevocable Gifts / Call

III. The Mystery of God's Saving Work

- A. God's Big Plan of Mercy
 - 1. Rebels
 - 2. Shown Grace
- B. In Christ Jesus
- C. Then, Now, The Days to Come

... things beyond us.

Children, Listen ...

1. Is it important that the Gospel of Jesus goes out to all the world?
2. Is there a day coming when many of God's ancient people will believe in Jesus?
3. Do sinners deserve the mercy and kindness of God?
4. How does God show mercy to sinners?
5. Is there any way other than faith in Jesus that anyone can be saved from sin?

Glad to Be in that Number?

If you get beyond the first stanza of the well know Gospel song When the Saints go marching in you will quickly realize it is not really just a snappy fun song for Christian summer camp kids to march to – it is more than just a snazzy songs with a tune easily adapted to jazz notes (though it is a popular dirge for New Orlean-style funeral processions and was actually made most popular by Louis Armstrong). It is really quite a sobering song after all. There is a number, in fact a fixed number of saints that will be gathered in up to that great and glorious day of the Lord when all earth, life and time as we know it and new day of eternity is ushered in. Paul refers to the fact that there will be a time when the fullness of Gentiles saved in Christ and the fullness of Jews saved in Christ will be complete. Are we in that number? If we were to give an account today would we be numbered among the saints of Christ – when we see that great and awesome day – will we be found among “that number.” The only hope for that for any sinner is the grace and mercy of God through Jesus Christ. Is He your deliverer? Have you found forgiveness of your sins through the shed blood of Jesus? If so you have great cause to be both utterly humbled and overwhelmed with joy!

Some of the lines of the classic ditty ...

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Oh, when the drums begin to bang ...
Oh, when the stars fall from the sky ...
Oh, when the moon turns red with blood ...
Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call ...
Oh, when the fire begins to blaze ...

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.