

-Romans 11:11-24

***- Why Did Israel Stumble? What if I
Stumble?***

-Romans 9:1-5 (LSB) 1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is God over all, blessed forever.

Amen.

-Romans 9:6 (LSB) But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;

-Romans 10:9-10 (LSB) 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, leading to righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, leading to salvation.

-Ephesians 2:11-12 (LSB) 11 Therefore, remember that formerly you--the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands-- 12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, alienated from the citizenship of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

-Ephesians 2:13-18 (LSB) 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups one and broke down the dividing wall of the partition 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might create the two into one new man, making peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having in Himself put to death the enmity. 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

-“The attentive reader readily perceives that *relative* holiness, or consecration to God, is here exclusively meant...Abraham was as it were the root of the visible [Israel]. Ishmael was broken off and the tree grew up in Isaac; and when Esau was broken off, the tree grew up in Jacob and his sons. When the nation rejected the Messiah, their relation to Abraham and to God was, as it were, suspended. They no longer retained even the outward seal of the covenant, for circumcision then lost its validity...they were [as a nation] from that time forward deprived of the ordinances of God.”—Walter Scott

**-Acts 17:30 (LSB) “...God is now
commanding men that everyone
everywhere should repent,**