

ROMANS 42 – 11:3-7

Grace and the Remnant

1. 11:1-4

- a. Romans 11 is about the restoration of Israel, God has not cast them away
- b. Three proofs: a remnant (11:5), Gentile provocation (11:11), scripture (11:26)
- c. Elijah returns before the end to the remnant – Mal 4:5, Matt 11:12-14
- d. *“I am left alone”* – this would be the remnant cry, but God is faithful – Mic 2:12
- e. *“at this present time”* – Just as in 1 Kings, so it is in Acts – Acts 1:15, 2:41, 4:4

2. 11:5

- a. A remnant of what? Israel. Romans 9-11 have been talking about Israel.
- b. *“according to the election”* – Remember Rom 9:11, God chooses his purpose
 - i. Not all Abraham, but Isaac, and Jacob, and those obedient to his will
 - ii. The election in the Bible is always Israel or Christ – Isa 42:1, 45:4, 65:9
- c. The election (God’s vessel of honor) is Israel that believed the Messiah – Rom 10

3. 11:6

- a. *“of grace”* – this requires we stop matching slogans and study the context
- b. The election in Romans 9:11 was not of works which means it was by grace
- c. Israel’s promise was always by grace, else it would never come – Rom 4:13-16
- d. Grace is found throughout the Bible – Gen 6:8, Exo 33:17, Num 6:22-27, Hos 14:2
- e. God saves by grace in every dispensation, no one is righteous, no not one
- f. However, Israel pursued Deu 6:25, Paul says those days are over – Rom 10:3-4
- g. God changed how he dealt with Israel – Psa 98:3, 119:29, John 1:17, Luk 1:72
- h. Israel stumbled at the better covenant by better blood - Heb 7:19-22, 8:6-12
- i. The NT law and Spirit unction was by grace – Psa 119:29, Heb 10:26-29
- j. Israel needed to understand a change was happening – Ezekiel 36:24-27
- k. The NT is 70th week, tribulation, kingdom doctrine – Jer 31:36-37, Acts 2:19-21
- l. Israel’s saving grace comes in the kingdom – Acts 3:19, Heb 12:15, 1Pet 1:10-13
- m. *“Then is it no more of works”* – What is it? The election of the remnant
- n. *“through the grace of the Lord we shall be saved”* – not by their works - Acts 15:7-11

4. 11:7

- a. *“Israel hath not obtained”* – because of Rom 9:31-33
- b. *“but the election hath obtained it”* – The remnant already identified in Luke 12:32
- c. *“the rest were blinded”* – The rest of who? Israel. When were they blinded? MMLJ
- d. This cannot be the church, the BOC, the mystery had not been revealed yet.