

ROMANS 46 – 11:17-24

Grafted Into Israel's Tree

1. Review

- a. Trees in the Bible represent kingdoms, prosperity, earthly dominions
- b. Root and stumps represent a remnant after being cut down: a hope, a promise
- c. Branches are the dominion, the kingdom: Jews and Gentiles reigning on earth
- d. Why olive? The oil burned continually for everlasting covenant to Israel - Lev 24
- e. The fruitful olive tree trusts God's promise - Psa 52:7-9, 49:6; Pro 11:28, 1Pet 1:18
- f. Branches that didn't bear fruit were cut off - Mal 4:1, Matt 3:7-10, Mark 10:17-26

2. 11:17-18

- a. Identifying the grafted in branches is the cause of many wrong doctrines
- b. Don't change a known doctrine because of a hard passage.
- c. Gentile Christians(Moo), Christendom(Gaebelein),dispensational position(Stam)?
- d. There are more players than what is considered: 2 Israels, different Gentiles, etc.
- e. The context:: 3 chapters has been about true Israel, and Israel restored- Rom 11:26
- f. The graft partakes of God's purpose for Israel, which includes kingdom Gentiles
- g. The root bears the branches - the promises given to Israel are effectual

3. 11:19-22

- a. *"that I might be grafted in"* – Remember Rom 11:6,11, it wasn't for their sake
- b. *"but fear"* – why fear? Because of their position in Israel's tree, it is conditional
 - i. We do not have the spirit of fear – 2 Tim 1:7, Rom 8:15
- c. *"lest he also spare not thee"* - The graft may not be spared, not you – 1 Thess 5:9
- d. *"goodness and severity"* – God gives mercy and hardness, remember Rom 9:15
- e. *"if thou continue..."* – The abiding is conditional! – Heb 6:4-6, 10:26-29
- f. This is John 15 doctrine about abiding in the vine (also found in 1 John 4:12-15)
- g. *"thou also shalt be cut off"* – Cut off from what? In no sense can this be the church.
- h. A branch cut off can not be the mystery body – Col 2:9-10, 2 Tim2:13
- i. We are flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bone - Eph 5:30-32
- j. Those who think this is you, think your works affect your position.

4. 11:23-24

- a. *"they also, if they abide not ..."* who are these people? Israel!
- b. Good and wild trees, you will know them by their fruits – Matthew 7:15-19
- c. Better to be wild, with faith, than to be pruned without it – Mat 21:28-32
- d. The grafted branches get what was naturally given to others - Matt 21:33-43
- e. When did wild branches get identified for grafting? A: Matt 12:32-35, Luke 12:32
- f. God is able to graff Israel back in just like the wild grafts. This can't be you.