

Romans 11:26-36

Romans 12:1-2

Romans Chapter 11 overview. Everybody who thinks that God is through with Israel needs to read this chapter. This chapter refutes a lot of things that are being taught today regarding Israel.

Vs26: the bible declares that Israel shall be saved. All ungodliness and enemies will be turned away, and the nation of Israel will become the dominant nation of the world sometime in the future.

Vs27: the salvation and rising of Israel is promised by God.

Vs28: the election means God has elected Israel to be the leaders of the world. Every blessing in the Old Testament written about Israel will be fulfilled, and they are all earthly blessings. Israel is the heartbeat of God as far as the Earth is combined. Separate that thought from the church. If you want to know what's God is doing, pay attention to Israel.

Vs29: God does not change His mind about Israel or any other things.

Vs30: we are here today enjoying the Word of God because Israel rejected Christ and God cut off the Kingdom for the time being and gave all the blessings to the Gentiles, temporarily.

Vs31: now to the Gentiles, to those who do not obey, they will still receive God's mercy. If it was not for God's mercy, no human being would be alive today. How many times do we disobey and fail God in our personal lives? We really don't want justice; we want mercy.

Vs32: If it weren't for God's mercy, the whole human race would be wiped out because we all fail Him everyday because we're human.

Verses 33-36 are some of the best verses in the whole entire bible:

33 ¶ *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out!*

God is so almighty and so all powerful that no human could ever understand Him. We are not capable as humans to understand the Lord completely, but we must accept Him and His ways without question. There is no human being on earth ever, except Jesus Christ, who understands the Trinity. We must just belief and accept by faith.

34 *For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?* Man sometimes gets a big head and doesn't want to ask God about anything. But we can ask God to help us understand His Word as best we can by praying for that before every bible study session. He has revealed to us in these 66 books what He wants us to know. That does not mean that that is everything there is to know about Him. He just revealed the parts He wants us to know. So we must diligently study the bible to get the message God has for us.

35 *or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?* We haven't given God anything, and God doesn't owe us anything. But He is the giver. We haven't given God anything back.

36 *For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.* From God, through God, and to God, are all things.

Chapter 12: the practical Christianity for life. This chapter tells us how to deal with other Christians and with other people who are not Christians. It gets down to the practical application of the Christian life.

- 1 ¶ *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.* 'beseech' means 'I am begging you.' 'Therefore' takes us back to the preceding first 11 chapters. At the end of each day, we should examine our daily activities and assess if all our activities pleased the Lord. If not, make some changes. Christianity is a lifestyle, not just a religion. That's the minimal thing that you should do each day is examine your behaviour and actions for the day and see if it was pleasing to God.
- 2 *And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* Paul makes the statement "do not be conformed by this world". This means don't let the world mold you, make you like it; shape your thoughts and behaviors. Let God do that, not the world or mankind, like Hollywood stars and rock stars. "Transformed" means "metamorphous". That means a caterpillar makes a cocoon and comes out a beautiful butterfly. Let God transform you from human to His child. People should be able to tell that you are different, something beautiful that you were not before. You cannot make this transformation without a total surrender to Jesus Christ. Everyday every Christian should become more Christ-like through daily evaluation of your behaviors and daily bible study and prayers.