



ROMANS

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Key truth:

“So, too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace”

Romans 11:5

POWERFUL TRUTHS:

1. God is **faithful** to **His people**.

a. Romans 11:1-2a *I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew...*

b. 2 Timothy 2:13 *If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*

2. God **always** has a **remnant**.

a. Remnant means: **A surviving group. Remaining group.**

- b. Romans 11:2b-4 ...*Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: 3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? 4 And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal."*
- c. 1 Kings 19:2-3 *Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.*
- d. Never let the **voice** of the **enemy** make you think you are **alone**.

3. God **saved** the remnant by **grace**.

- a. Romans 11:5-6 *So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. 6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.*
- b. 1 Corinthians 15:10 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*
- c. John 1:17 *For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*
- d. The **law** revealed God's nature and will.
- e. Now **Jesus** reveals God's nature and will.
- f. John 1:18 *No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.*
- g. The difference being **relationship**.

4. The **elect** are the **ones** faithful.

a. Romans 11:7-8 *What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, 8 as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear, to this very day."*

5. The anticipated **rejection**.

a. Romans 11:9-10 *And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. 10 May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."*

6. **Stumble** but don't **fall**.

a. Romans 11:11-12 *Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!*