

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 01 Mar 2020.....	Romans 01a.....	Compelled
2) 08 Mar.....	Romans 01b.....	Guilty
3) 15 Mar.....	Romans 02.....	Insufficient
4) 22 Mar.....	Romans 03-04.....	Justified
5) 29 Mar.....	Romans 05.....	At Peace
6) 05 April.....	Romans 06-07.....	Free
7) 12 April.....	Luke 24:1-12 [EASTER].....	Raised
8) 19 April.....	Romans 08-09.....	Secured
9) 26 April.....	Romans 10.....	Saved
10) 03 May.....	Romans 11.....	Mercy
11) 10 May.....	Romans 12.....	Sacrifices
12) 17 May.....	Romans 13.....	Citizens
13) 24 May.....	Romans 14.....	Accepting
14) 31 May.....	Romans 15-16.....	Reach

INTRODUCTION

- We are introduced to a Mystery! When the “fullness of the Gentiles is complete, then Israel’s “partial hardening” will be removed for “ALL Israel to be saved”

Passage	Comments
Romans 11:1-10	<p>A Remnant Chosen by Grace, Not by Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv5-7. God’s grace allowed a remnant of Jews to obtain salvation – and the rest were hardened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall the reason Jesus spoke to the Jews in parables – “For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see, ...hear, ... and should understand,... and should be converted, and I should heal them”Mat 13:13-15 ♦ In brief, Jesus didn’t and doesn’t force anyone to believe in Him, and thereby receive the privilege to spend eternity in Heaven. We are ALL given sufficient information to make a choice for eternity • Jesus draws everyone (puts eternity in men’s hearts, Ecc 3:11), selects/elects those who choose to live for Him, and hardens those who don’t want to live for Him
11:11-16	<p>Jealousy Can Be A Godly Tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v11. God’s plan included saving Gentiles to provoke the Jews – by jealousy, to reconsider living for Him - God waits till the last minute before closing the door <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What more can God do besides force them to believe, which, becoming a robot, is not an option? ♦ Look at what He has done to make it easy to get into Heaven: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is not His will for anyone to perish2Pet 3:9 2. He waits patiently for people to repent2Pet 3:9 3. He sent His prophets to warn them Mt 23:37 4. His goodness leads to repentanceRom 2:4 5. He paid the full price by sacrificing His Son... Bible
11:17-24	<p>Grafting in Gentiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v20. The Jews (the non-remnant, those who were ‘not all Israel’) were broken off because of their willful unbelief – not because God didn’t want to save them • v23. God keeps the door open for them – “if they do not continue in unbelief” they will be grafted back in • vv21-22. Some use this passage to show that one’s salvation can be lost (‘God won’t spare you either if you don’t continue in His kindness’), but please note the “natural” branches were those who “were not all Israel” – in other words, they were not saved themselves. So, this discourse probably hit those within the church who were just pew-sitters, and not true believers

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11:25-32	<p>A Mystery Revealed – A Partial Hardening of the Jews until the Fullness of the Gentiles is Complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v26. ALL Israel will be saved. Does this mean even Judas and Herod the Great who slaughtered children? Recall that Israel is divided into 2 camps – The Remnant (11:5) and those who are not ALL Israel (9:6). So, here, ALL Israel means ALL the remnant of Israel, those of the promised seed of Isaac, the honorable vessels prepared beforehand for glory • v29. The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable – God is not an Indian-giver. He delivers on His promises – and God will not make a promise He cannot keep • v32. God has shut up ALL in disobedience so He may show mercy to ALL. Recall that Paul is addressing 2 people groups as ALL (Gentiles & Jews) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mercy is extended to both groups, but only those who believe out of those groups will be saved and actually receive the mercy God extends Gal 3:22
11:33-36	<p>Who Really Knows God & His Intricate Plan for Man?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v33-34. God is unsearchable. His ways are not our ways, yet He is totally just and righteous in all His ways, and cannot be accused of doing any wrong • v35. Or, who does God owe anything to?Job 41:11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Though, we were to live righteously, give everything to God, and even die a martyr’s death for Him, God owes us nothing – yet we owe Him everything • v36. God is the center of the universe – not you or me

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Mystery is solved: Gentiles are included in God’s plan for man’s redemption; and being a Jew is not automatic entry into Heaven
- Heaven is for those who willing accept God’s offer by repenting of one’s sinful ways and accepting Christ as Lord and Savior

NEXT WEEK: Romans 12. We have numerous responsibilities God expects from us: Be transformed by renewing our minds; be kind to one another; think soberly of ourselves; use our God-given gifts; don’t be lazy; pray continuously; get off our high horse; live peaceably where possible; feed our enemies; and master evil in our lives

