

sermon notes

November 22, 2020 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Harvest Decatur
Wholly Transformed | "Sovereign Grace; Sovereign Hardening" | Rom 11:1-10

1) God's sovereign work of _____
(11:1-6)

a. God's grace shown to _____

b. God's grace shown to _____

c. God's grace shown to a _____

2) God's sovereign work of _____
(11:7-10)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

At the end of Romans 10, Paul (quoting Isaiah) says that the Israelites are "a disobedient and contrary people." Does that mean that Israelites can't ever be saved? How does Paul answer the question, "Has God rejected his people?" What evidence do we have in the NT and even throughout history that Jews are not completely rejected by God as a people?

According to Romans 10:7-10, what are the spiritual consequences of Israel's rejection of Jesus? Are those consequences similar or different for Gentile rejection of Jesus? Is there a way for Jews or Gentiles to be saved apart from Jesus? How can we say for sure?

GET PERSONAL

Listen to the song "Trials Turned to Gold" by Keith Green:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4W8g5GXsI8>

Green sings, "Oh Lord forgive the times, I tried to read your mind." Have you ever tried to "read God's mind" or prognosticate about what God is doing in your life? How are God's ways in our world mysterious? How are God's ways in your life sometimes not what you expect?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Paul is clear that his salvation is simply a matter of God's grace. How do you speak about your salvation? Do you give God all the credit for your salvation? Do you attribute any of it to your own cleverness, morality, or savoir-faire? Consider some ways that God has displayed his unmerited grace in your life and take some time to worship and praise him for it.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Paul emphasizes in Romans 10:5 that the remnant are chosen by grace. Why does he link chosenness to grace? Why does he contrast salvation by grace with works in the following verse (10:6)? If God chose us based upon foreknowledge of whether or not we deserved his grace, how would that compromise his grace?