

## **Grafted to God and Glorifying His Name (Romans 11:22-36)**

**Pastor Deric**

*(22) Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. (23) And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.*

*(24) For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.*

*(25) Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. (26) And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob"; (27) "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."*

*(28) As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. (29) For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. (30) For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, (31) so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. (32) For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.*

*(33) Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! (34) "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" (35) "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" (36) For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

### **Practical Application**

1. Review (Rom. 11:1-22): God is both kind and severe. Receive His kindness. Be nourished by His love. Continue in faith, hope, and love. Remain in His kindness. God will right all wrongs and all injustice. God's judgement will be holy, righteous, and severe. Jesus was severely judged in our place on the cross so that we could receive God's kindness and blessing. Trust in Jesus today.
2. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Do not let unbelief dominate your heart and life.
3. God wants us to be connected (grafted in) to Him in a loving reconciled relationship. Are you connected to Jesus?
4. God is powerful. You need His power. Ask Him for power in every area of your life.
5. Human beings apart from Christ are wild. Being grafted to God "tames" us to do God's will.
6. Through Jesus Christ you can be grafted into the tree of God (God's forever family tree). Wholistic nourishment comes from Christ.
7. Many of God's ways are a mystery to us this side of eternity. Let the mystery lead you to greater worship.
8. Have a soft heart before God. Don't let your heart become hard. Believe, trust, yield, and surrender.
9. God will bring in an end time harvest of Israelite believers. Pray for Israel. Pray for the nations.
10. Jesus can deliver you from sin, selfishness, satan, and death. Jesus is the delivered that we all need.
11. God always keeps His promises. He will never let you go. God is faithful. God is trustworthy.
12. God delights in showing mercy to people. Receive His mercy, and become a merciful too.
13. Worship, praise, and glorify God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
14. God is deep. Go deeper with Him today.

15. God is rich. Experience His riches today.
16. God is wise. Worship Him for His wisdom. Ask Him for wisdom.
17. God knows everything. Worship Him for His knowledge. Ask Him to increase your knowledge.
18. We need God. He does not need us. Recognize your need for Him cry out to Him each day.
19. God's judgements are ultimately unsearchable. God's judgements are perfect.
20. God's ways are ultimately inscrutable. Learn His revealed ways, walk in His ways, and rest in His sovereignty.
21. No-one knows the infinite mind of God fully. We can know God truly but not inexhaustibly (fully).
22. God needs no counselor, no counsel, and no advisors. We need God's counsel, the wise counsel of others, and the counsel of His perfect Word (The Bible).
23. God is indebted to no one. We are all indebted to Him. You need His grace.
24. All life is from God, to God, and through God. We should live God-centered lives.
25. The universe exists for God's glory. You exist for God's glory. Live for His glory each day.
26. You were created to be grafted (relationally connected) to God and to glorify His name forever.

#### Announcements

-2024 Budget Approval today (March 17)

-Hope Mountain Easter egg hunt and lunch (Sunday, March 24)

-Good Friday Worship 6:30-7:30 (Friday, March 29)

-Resurrection Sunday (March 31)

-We praise God for Mrs. Mary Gordon and her faithful service to Christ and His church! This will be her last Sunday serving because she and her family are moving to North Carolina. Please tell her how thankful you are for her sacrificial service. Also, welcome Ms. Christine Rowlette. She will be the new church secretary. We thank God for both of these wonderful women!