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**The Righteousness of God
proven through Messiah,
King Jesus**

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➤ *The original contract with Abraham ALWAYS included Jews AND Gentiles within the children of God...not only is it not a new thought the Roman church stands as a testimony that God has been faithful*

➤ *The original agreement ALWAYS said our relationship with God is a result of a responsive faith based upon His faithfulness to us, not anything else (namely having Torah, circumcision, etc.)*

➤ *The Torah was never supposed to produce life...that's what God does!*

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➤ *You have misunderstood what God promised*

a) There is an “Israel” and an “Israel”, “children” and “seed”. Do not mistake salvation FOR Israel with Israel’s ROLE in salvation history

b) God has always chosen to act thru a portion of Abraham’s offspring to save mankind (Isaac not Ishmael, Jacob not Esau)

c) Ethnic Israel like the Gentile world is sinful & thus guilty before God & if God left Israel & salvations history to itself not only would they have ceased to exist but the promises of God along with them to reach the world

d) God ALWAYS worked with & thru a remnant – and Paul is part of that remnant of faith so what you are seeing is totally consistent with all of Scripture

e) Torah, the very thing you are relying on for relationship with God has always been pointing to Messiah

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God is indeed righteous, He has been faithful...He has kept His word to build a covenant people OF FAITH and gave them life AND He is fixing life one person at a time

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Paul introduces the final section with two main questions:

1. Romans 11:1 - Has God forsaken His people (ethnic Israel)?

His answer = Just look at ME!

2. Romans 11:11 – Granted that ethnic Israel has stumbled...is this permanent?

His answer is an emphatic NO!

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He answers this question in 3 separate stages, each one building on the one before it:

Answer 1 = Verses 11b-16 - *What happened to ethnic Israel (not believing) has been for the good of the Gentiles...Israel will become jealous and be pushed to believe thru it (fulfilling Genesis 12)*

Our take-away = God raises dead plans to life!

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Answer 2 = Verses 17-24 - *Unbelieving Jews are like branches that have been broken off an olive tree while Gentiles are wild shoots that have been grafted on. How much more can God graft the natural branches back on if they believe?*

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Take-away = we can never lose sight of where we were, what we deserve, and what God has done for us!

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Answer 3 = Verses 25-32 - *The mystery of the Jews and Gentiles is finally clear...Israel's "hardening" (holding back His judgment) & the Gentiles "coming in" is actually God's means of saving Israel*

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