

1.	Israel's loss is our gain - the RICHES of salvation and RECONCILIATION with God. (Genesis
	12:3; Jeremiah 11:16-17; Acts 13:46, 22:21; Matthew 21:43; John 10:16; Zechariah 2:11)

- 2. There is **ONE PLAN** of salvation: faith in Jesus Christ who **CAME** to earth, **TOOK** our sin upon Himself, **DIED** in our place, and **ROSE** from the grave in victory over sin and death. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; John 6:35, 8:12, 10:9; Galatians 3:28-29; Acts 10:34-35)
- 3. Our **GAIN** is a **GIFT** of God; He **GRAFTED** us in by no merit of our own. (Ephesians 2:11-13; 1 John 3:1; Deuteronomy 8:17; Galatians 3:14; Ephesians 2:8-9, 3:6)
- 4. We must do more than celebrate what we have been **GIVEN**; we must **ABIDE** in the **GIVER** and live in **AWE** of Him. (John 15:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 3:12-14; Deuteronomy 32:18; Romans 3:27; Colossians 1:23; 2 Peter 1:10)
- 5. God has the power to **RECOVER** those who have fallen and **RESTORE** those who are broken. (Jeremiah 31:37; Zechariah 12:10; Ezekiel 37:21-23; Genesis 50:20; Acts 15:16-17; His 6:1; Joel 2:25-26; Psalm 51:12, 71:20-21; 1 Peter 5:10; Job 42:10)

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- 1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. Paul again touched on his burden for his own people, the Jews trusting that his fruitful ministry to the Gentiles would stir his people to jealousy over what they were missing. When you see others worship the Lord or hear them talk with excitement about what God is showing them or doing in their lives, do you ever feel like you are 'missing out' on something? Why might this be? Do you think it is the enemy discouraging you, or God convicting you? Are there areas in your life that you are withholding from God? Might there be idols or excessive distractions in your life that need to be dealt with? (It might be time for some introspection...)
- 3. In today's verses we tied together *being grafted in* and *being grateful*. In what ways can we as Gentile believers show gratitude for being included in the promises of God? In what ways do we fail to show gratitude?
- 4. In Ephesians 2:12-16, Paul speaks about how God took Gentiles, who were once far from God and foreign to hope and promise, and brought them near to God, while at the same time uniting them with the believing Jews, doing away with the hostility that existed between those two groups. For sure, God can unite VERY different groups of people! Why then does there seem to be so much disunity in the Church today? What might God be calling *you* to do differently that would promote greater unity in the Body?
- 5. Paul addresses how in the future there will be a spiritual revival among a portion of the Jews. Revival speaks of forgiveness, restoration, recovery, and renewal and only God has the power to make this a reality! How have you experienced this recently in your life? In what ways do you hunger for this now?
- 6. The Gentiles are told (verse 20) to be humble and to tremble. Why are we to be humble? Why are we to tremble?
- 7. We are urged in verse 22 to consider both the kindness and sternness of God. These seem so opposing, but how do they go together? Why is considering both so important?
- 8. Look at verses 17-20. How does Paul instruct his readers to treat (specifically) the unbelieving Jews those who were broken off from the vine? What do we learn from this regarding how we treat people around us who do not believe in / who have rejected (sometimes vehemently) Jesus?