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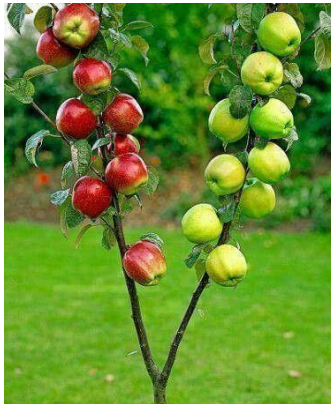
Offer Hope. Grow in Community. Be the Church.

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Romans 11:25-32: God's Call Is Irrevocable.
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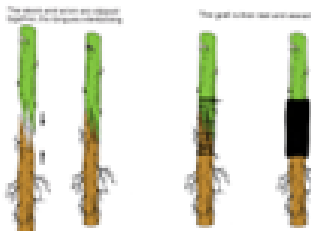
How could you get different fruits to grow on the same tree?



How could you get Red Delicious and Granny Smiths to grow on the same tree?



Grafting...



Review from last week

If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. (Romans 11:17-18)

Review from last week

...they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. (Romans 11:20)

Verses (25-27)

Don't consider yourself superior...do not be arrogant...so that you may not be conceited... (Romans 11)

“What has happened to Israel is all a part of God’s plan, and He knows what He is doing. The blinding of Israel as a nation is neither total nor final: it is partial and temporary.” (Warren Wiersbe)

(28)

Enemies?

In Thessalonica: “Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city....” (Acts 17:4–5, NIV)

In Berea: “But when the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, some of them went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up.” (Acts 17:13, NIV)

In Corinth: “While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment. “This man,” they charged, “is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.”” (Acts 18:12–13, NIV)

Two things I want to say about these verses...

1. Paul says in regards to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, yeah, the Jews have been enemies of the spread of the gospel everywhere.
2. Luke writes that this happened while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia that they dragged Paul to the place of judgment (the Greek word is the Bema seat). Archaeology Nerd Moment



So, what does this archaeology nerd moment show us? God's Word again is shown to be trustworthy.

Back to our text... (28-32)

God's gifts and His call are irrevocable... (Romans 11:29)

Abraham...



Moses



David



The crucifixion of Jesus



What about my unfaithfulness?



“Unfaithfulness is one of the most outstanding sins of these evil days. In the business world, a man’s word is, with rare exceptions, no longer his bond. In the social world, marital infidelity abounds on every hand; the sacred bonds of wedlock are broken with as little regard as discarding an old garment. In the ecclesiastical realm, thousands who have solemnly covenanted to preach the truth have no scruples about attacking and denying it. Nor can reader or writer claim complete immunity from this fearful sin. How many ways have we been unfaithful to Christ, and to the light and privileges which God has entrusted to us! ... How refreshing, then, and how blessed, to lift our eyes above this scene of ruin, and behold One who is faithful, faithful in all things, at all times.”
(AW Pink, died in 1950’s)

(Verses 33-36)

He is able to bring the disobedient and the wayward home and give them mercy.

What about you? You may be laboring under the thought that you are a hopeless case, because of who you are or because of something you may have done or said or thought. Or you may have a family member whose case seems to you to be hopeless. I assure you on the basis of the Word of God that the case is not hopeless. And you are not hopeless either! Only unbelief keeps a person from salvation, and even today you may still call upon the name of the Lord and be wonderfully saved. James
(Montgomery Boice)