

Romans 11:25-36
For the week of November 5, 2023

Reflection

1. What were some of the takeaways, for you, from Sunday's sermon?

2. Were there questions, comments, concerns...?

In this section Paul continues to address the Gentiles among his audience, explaining the mystery of God's dealings with Israel. He does so to prevent them from becoming conceited and thinking that God has chosen them instead of Israel. He reminds them that they were at one time as disobedient to God as the majority in Israel is now, and that just as they received mercy, so Israel will also experience God's mercy.¹

Observation (vs. 25-27)

3. What is Paul saying in these verses?

Interpretation

4. What is the "mystery" that he does not want the church to be unaware of?

5. Describe the "partial hardening" (see also 2 Cor 3:14)?

6. How has this hardening impacted the gospel to the Gentiles?

¹ Colin G. Kruse, [*Paul's Letter to the Romans*](#), ed. D. A. Carson, The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Cambridge, U.K.; Nottingham, England; Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Apollos, 2012), 441.

7. Why does Paul quote from Psalm 14:7 and Isaiah 27:9 in verses 26 and 27?

Application

8. How can these verses be ones of thanksgiving for you?

9. How can you be praying for Israel?

Observation (vs. 28-32)

10. What point is Paul making in these verses?

Observation

11. What is meant by verse 29?

12. How do disobedience and mercy go hand in hand (see verses 30-32)?

Application

13. How has God shown His mercy to you?

Observation (vs. 33-36)

14. What is the theme(s) of these verses?

Interpretation

15. Why does Paul end this chapter with a doxology?

Application

16. Read verses 33-36 aloud in your group and take time for the group to respond to the truths within these verses.