

## Romans 11:1-25 “Israel’s Future!”

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**[#2]** Paul is crystal clear, all true believers of all ages (past, present, future) are saved by **grace** – not works.  
(1 Cor. 11:24-25)

**[#3]** God created a new form of evangelism to reach the Jews... **Jealousy evangelism**. God saved the Gentiles to make the Jews jealous, and desire salvation for themselves.  
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4) What does the following passage mean to you?

**Colossians 3:5-8 NLT** - "[5] So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. [6] Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. [7] You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. [8] But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language."

Why does the Bible tell us to be so ruthless with our "flesh" or "sinful desires"?

What are some examples of how we can practically "put to death" these sinful desires?

### TAKING IT HOME

- 5) Take a few minutes to ask God to reveal any sinful desires in your heart.
- 6) What can you do this week to "starve" the flesh and "feed" the spirit?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Life Group Homework For the week of February 20, 2022

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we were reminded that we are all saved by grace - not by our works. Looking back at your faith journey, how has your understanding or view of works/ grace changed?

### REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching in Romans 11:1-25, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week Paul referenced the prophet Elijah, who felt alone amidst a people who had rejected the one, true God. Read the passage below of Elijah's "face off" with the false prophets on Mt. Carmel. Highlight anything that stands out to you or confuses you!

**1 Kings 18:21-40** - "[21] And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word. [22] Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. [23] "Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. [24] "Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." [25] Now

*Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." [26] So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. [27] And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." [28] So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. [29] And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. [30] Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. [31] And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." [32] Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. [33] And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." [34] Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. [35] So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. [36] And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. [37] "Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." [38] Then the fire of the LORD fell and*

*consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. [39] Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!" [40] And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there."*

In verse 21, Elijah rebuked the people for faltering between two opinions. What do you think he meant?

In what way(s) might we, as Christians, falter between living for God and living for something else?

In verse 36, Elijah says that he's done all these things at God's Word (command). Why do you think this is important?

In verse 39, the Israelites confessed that The LORD, rather than Baal, is God. Yet, for the most part Israel continued to worship idols. Why do you think they did this?

What does their reaction reveal about their heart?

In verse 40, Elijah led the people in executing all the false prophets (who led the people to worship idols). Do you think God is just in this? Why or why not?