

ROMANS BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS 5/3/20 Romans 11:17-32

¹⁷ But some of these branches from Abraham's tree—some of the people of Israel—have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, have been grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree. ¹⁸ But you must not brag about being grafted in to replace the branches that were broken off. You are just a branch, not the root. ¹⁹ "Well," you may say, "those branches were broken off to make room for me." ²⁰ Yes, but remember—those branches were broken off because they didn't believe in Christ, and you are there because you do believe. So don't think highly of yourself, but fear what could happen. ²¹ For if God did not spare the original branches, he won't spare you either. ²² Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in His kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off. ²³ And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree. ²⁴ You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, He will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong. ²⁵ I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters, so that you will not feel proud about yourselves. Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but this will last only until the full number of Gentiles comes to Christ. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved. As the Scriptures say, "The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and He will turn Israel away from ungodliness. ²⁷ And this is my covenant with them, that I will take away their sins." [Isaiah 59:20]

²⁸ Many of the people of Israel are now enemies of the Good News, and this benefits you Gentiles. Yet they are still the people He loves because He chose their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁹ For God's gifts and His call can never be withdrawn. ³⁰ Once, you Gentiles were rebels against God, but when the people of Israel rebelled against Him, God was merciful to you instead. ³¹ Now they are the rebels, and God's mercy has come to you so that they, too, will share in God's mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so He could have mercy He needs to pay it back? ³⁶ For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen.

1. What does the term "Abraham's tree" refer to?
2. What is Paul referring to about some branches being broken off? [You may have to refresh your HS botany notes! LOL]
3. What are the wild branches grafted in referring to? How do they receive rich nourishment?
4. What is Paul's warning to these grafted in wild branches?
5. Paul says God is both kind and severe. What does that mean?
6. What is this "mystery" Paul refers to?
7. What does the "full number of Gentiles" refer to?
8. What does Paul mean by "all Israel will be saved"?
9. How does God imprisoned everyone so He could have mercy on everyone?