

Romans

(39) Paul's Summary and Doxology

The summary of doctrine to this point...11:28-32

Israel, as far as the gospel is concerned, is what (for us Gentiles)? vs.28a Acts 9:1-2

They are enemies (of the gospel). Paul, before conversion, was a prime example.

But, never forget that Israel is also what (because of the patriarchs)? vs.28b Gen.26:4

They are God's chosen people (election), and are loved. He will restore the nation.

And WHY is Israel's restoration guaranteed? vs.29 Jn.6:37-40; 65

Because God's gifts and calling (election) can not be ignored, cancelled, nor revoked.

What example does Paul use? vs.30 Eph.2:12-13

You (Gentiles) were once disobedient, now have received mercy as a result of Israel's sin.

And the point regarding Israel? vs.31 11:15, 25

Likewise, Israel is now rejecting so that like us Gentiles, they may receive mercy.

Summarize this teaching. What's the point Paul is making here?

If God gave mercy to us Gentile unbelievers, how much more to Israel?

What does Paul teach, again, about the state of everyone, Jew/Gentile? vs.32a

God has 'shut up on all sides' everyone in disobedience (apeitheia=unpersuadable).

What is the full meaning of the term disobedience, unpersuadable?

It denotes an intentional, obstinate, refusal to believe, acknowledge, or obey. Dead in sins...

Has Paul taught us this same truth before? Rom.3:9-19; 5:12; 5:18-19; Gal.3:22

Absolutely. We are all totally lost, not seeking Him, and are dead in our sins.

And to this helpless and dismal state of all men, what does Paul teach again? vs.32b

This universal state allows God to have mercy on whom He wills. No merit involved.

The doxology...11:33-36

As Paul contemplates God's plan, what's the first conclusion? vs.33 Eph.3:14-19

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom/knowledge of God. Man cannot grasp it all!

What's the rhetorical answer to the question of verse 34?

No one! No being can contain such intellect. That's why pride is so offensive to God!

And what's the point of verse 35?

God is indebted to no one. His rewards are His glorious grace. His choice to give.

And the conclusion? vs.36 Col.1:9-23

Everything is from Him, through Him, and for His good pleasure. Glory forever. Amen!!

Next: Therefore... the application of these glorious truths