

The Truth That Transforms: The Book Of Romans
“The Remnant”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: If we want real life change, we must allow God’s Word to transform us.

How Do I Know If I Am Part Of The Remnant Or The Apostacy?

1. Do My Words And Actions Contradict My Faith Or Support It?

I ask then: **Did God reject his people?** By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah--how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is **a remnant chosen by grace**. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 11:1-6 (NIV)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO **PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**'

Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB)

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2. Is My Heart Becoming Softer Or Harder Towards God?

What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were **hardened**, as it is written: "God gave them a **spirit of stupor**, eyes so that they **could not see** and **ears so that they could not hear**, to this very day." And David says: "May their table become a **snare** and a **trap**, a **stumbling block** and a retribution for them. May their **eyes** be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

Romans 11:7-10 (NIV)

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all!

Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to **make Israel envious**. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much **greater riches will their fullness bring!**

Romans 11:11-12 (NIV)

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 **boast** over those branches. If you do, consider this: **You do not support the root, but the root supports you. Romans 11:17-18 (NIV)**

You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and **you stand by faith**. Do not be **arrogant**, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you either.
Romans 11:11-21 (NIV)

Therefore God **again** set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not **harden** your hearts." **Hebrews 4:6-7 (NIV)**

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3. How Would I Describe My Relationship With Jesus? Superficial or Real?

Consider therefore the **kindness and sternness of God**: sternness to those who **fell**, but kindness to you, provided that you **continue in his kindness**. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And **if they do not persist in unbelief**, they will be **grafted in**, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! **Romans 11:22-24 (NIV)**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears **no fruit**, while every branch that does bear fruit he **prunes** so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **Remain in me, and I will remain in you**. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
John 15:1-4 (NIV)

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has **experienced a hardening in part** until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; **He will turn godlessness away from Jacob**. And this is my covenant with them **when I take away their sins**." As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, **they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable**. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God **have now received mercy** as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too **may now receive mercy** as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that **he may have mercy on them all**." **Romans 11:25-32 (NIV)**

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➤ **How would I describe my Relationship with Jesus? Superficial or Real?**

My next right step I will:

- Talk over the Small Group lesson with someone
- Accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord
- Attend Cornerstone's Partnership Class - October 24, 2021
- Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism - November 21, 2021

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Icebreaker for families: Describe a time when you felt rejected by others.

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➤ **Cornerstone's mission is to help people find and follow Jesus.**

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Read Romans 11:1-6

On what basis is Paul part of the remnant?

Why does Paul emphasis grace?

What good thing came to the Gentiles because of the Jews transgression?

Read Matthew 7:21-23

Why does Jesus say he "never knew you"?

Why does it mean to practice lawlessness?

2. Is My Heart Becoming Softer Or Harder Towards God?

Read Romans 11:7-12

Why does Paul use such harsh language?

What causes your heart to be hardened? Softened?

Where is your heart today? Why?

What is the point of the illustration of being grafted in or broken off?

What are the warnings?

**3. How Would I Describe My Relationship With Jesus? Superficial or Real?
Read Romans 11:22-32**

What do Jews and Gentiles share in common? V. 29-32

How does the church today struggle with works or performance over grace?

How has arrogance hurt the church experience?

In what ways has God shown His mercy to you?

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
