



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

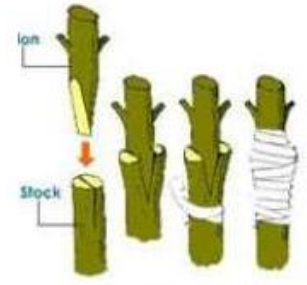
Lesson 15

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Read Romans 11

God has not cast away His chosen people Israel, but through their rejection of the Messiah, God would bring the Gentiles in. Some Gentiles were already brought in, but very few. Now many more would be brought in. This would provoke the Jews to jealousy. After the fullness of the Gentiles would come in, then God would turn back to Israel – they will bow to the only Messiah.

1. When the Lord left Israel because of their sin during the reign of Ahab, Elijah said, “Lord, they have killed thy _____, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone and they seek my _____.” It was here that God reminded Elijah that there were _____ who did not bow the knee to _____. God always leaves a small _____ according to the election of grace. Here Paul underlines that it is by grace and no more of _____, otherwise it would not be grace (v. 1-6).
2. In the rejection of the only Messiah, the Jews have been given a spirit of _____, eyes that don’t _____, and ears that don’t _____.
3. Paul then quotes from David in _____ that their table will be made a snare and their eyes are darkened.
4. They stumbled (v. 11), but this was not for them to _____. However, they did fall and now salvation is come to the _____ to provoke the Jews to _____.
5. Paul then (v. 15) notes that the casting away of the Jews (by their unbelief) will be the reconciling of the _____. Reconcile = to conciliate, to restore to friendship, to make agree. It was by their rejection that the gospel went out from Judea to the ends of the earth.



6. Paul, starting in v.17 begins to speak of grafting. A wild _____ tree (picture of the Gentiles) was not very fruitful. So the Gentiles were unfruitful in holiness. The Jews were like a cultivated olive tree under the training and blessing of God. Paul admonishes the Gentiles not to boast about being grafted into that ancient root or stock, Abraham. They didn't put themselves into this root, God did. The Jews who were not bearing fruit in the time of Paul's ministry are like the branches, which were _____ off (v. 19), because of _____ (v. 20). Now a strong warning comes to us (Gentiles): "If God spared not the natural _____, take heed lest he spare not thee." (v. 21) God is able to graft them (Jews) in again (v.23).
7. Blindness is happened to _____, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. Then all Israel shall be _____. Paul quotes from Isaiah 59, which seems to not have been fulfilled yet. There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. Here Isaiah speaks of taking away their _____. This has been quite a difficult text and has been the subject of controversy in Reformed circles. Will it be all Israel? Will God save everyone? Surely the nation of Israel will turn to the Lord again, and be grafted in again.
8. God's conclusion of all men (v.32) – they are in _____, that He might have _____ upon all. This brings Paul to a doxology: "O the _____ of the riches both of the _____ and _____ of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his _____ past finding out!" None know the _____ of the Lord, and none have been his _____, yet we know that all things are done for his glory. "For of Him, and _____ Him and to Him are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen"

Read Romans 12

Paul, as usual, follows doctrinal instruction with practical applications. Paul exhorts to Christian living. Christian brethren need to

show love...not just to those that love them, but also their enemies. In chapters 12 and 13 Paul instructs his readers in duties or responsibilities to God, the church, the state, and society.

9. It is not just our souls that God cares for. Christians are called to present their _____ as a living _____ to God – a reasonable service. The Church is not to be _____ to this world, but transformed by the renewing of the _____ (v.1,2).
10. We are not to think more _____ of ourselves than we ought. We are to think soberly. In a world that lives as if life is a party, Christians are to be different.
11. All Christians are members of one body in Christ, yet having different _____ according to the proportion of faith given. Paul then lists many different gifts of that body: prophesy, ministry, _____, exhorter, and ruling.
12. When Paul comes to verse 9 and following, he list many important guidelines for Christian life.
 - a. Let _____ be without dissimulation.
Dissimulation = to pretend, to conceal one's true feelings.
 - b. Abhor that which is _____; cleave to that which is _____.
 - c. Be kindly affectioned one to another with _____ love, in honor preferring one another.
 - d. Not slothful in _____; fervent in spirit; _____ the Lord.
 - e. Rejoicing in _____, _____ in tribulation; continuing instant in _____.
 - f. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to _____.
13. Paul now turns to our responsibility to those around us. Think about your own thoughts and actions as you review this list.
 - a. We probably have some people we don't like because they pick on us or we feel they don't like us. What do you think of them?

- _____ (speak well of) them that persecute you - we should not curse or think evil of them.
- b. _____ with them that rejoice, and _____ with them that _____.
 - c. Be of the same _____ one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.
 - d. Be not _____ in your own conceits.
 - e. Recompense to no man evil for _____.
Recompense = to repay, to make an equivalent return, to make up for.
 - f. Provide things _____ in the sight of all men.
 - g. Live _____ with all men.
 - h. Don't avenge yourself, but give place to wrath, because God said,
_____ is mine, I will repay.
 - i. If your enemy hunger, _____ him; if he thirst, give him to drink for in so doing you heap _____ of fire on his head (this may refer to pangs of shame that may lead to reconciliation).
 - j. Overcome _____ with good.

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: Christ is knocking at your door and saying, "If any man hear my voice, I will come in." Oh, think of the guilt of letting the Son of God stand at your door. Some would fain lay the blame off themselves, but God washes Himself clear of the unbeliever's guilt. It is you that stop your ear; "ye do always resist the Holy Ghost..." He is knocking now; let Him in. Another day He may pass by your door. You cannot command convictions of sin to come when you like. Christ is entirely sovereign in saving souls. No doubt many among us have had their last knock from Christ. Many that were once concerned, are not so now; and you cannot bring it back again. There is no doubt a time in every man's life when, if he opens the door, he will be saved; if he does not, he will perish. This may be that time to you. Christ may be giving last knocks at your door today.

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