**QUESTION**

**11**So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall?

**ANSWER**

By no means!

**EXPLANATION**

Rather,

through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles,

so as to make Israel jealous.

**12**Now if

their trespass means riches for the world, and

if their failure means riches for the Gentiles,

how much more will their full inclusion mean!

**13**Now I am speaking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles,

I magnify my ministry

**14**in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

**15**For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will

their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

**OR THINK OF IT THIS WAY**

**16**If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy,

so is the whole lump, and

if the root is holy,

so are the branches.

**17**But if

some of the branches were broken off,

and you,

although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in

the nourishing root of the olive tree,

**18**do not be arrogant toward the branches.

If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

**19**Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.”

**20**That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith.

So do not become proud, but fear.

**21**For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he

spare you.

**22**Note then the kindness and the severity of God:

severity toward those who have fallen,

but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness.

Otherwise you too will be cut off.

**23**And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in,

for God has the power to graft them in again.

**24**For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted,

contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these,

the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

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