

The Election of Grace

Romans 11:1-5

Two Basic Errors

- God's grace covers all.
- God's grace is an enabling power.

- Calvinist idea concerning conversion is that God, before the foundation of the world, elected the INDIVIDUALS on whom He would bring His saving power.
- What does the Bible teach about the election of people for redemption?

Background Considerations

- Ephesians 1:3-13 Who is being considered? Individuals or Jews and Gentiles?
- Romans 9:1-3 The election of grace is not individual. (Romans 10:1-3)
- Romans 9:6-13 Among the descendents of Abraham, not everyone was called.
 - cf. Matthew 3:9; John 8:31-32

Background Considerations

- Romans 9:22-24 Three "what ifs" implied...
 - God had vessels of mercy as well as vessels of wrath?
 - Both Jew and Gentile are vessels of mercy? cf. verses 30-33
 - God saves only those who trust in Christ?

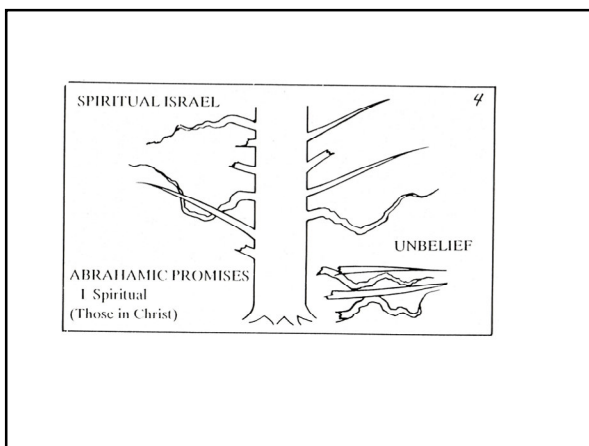
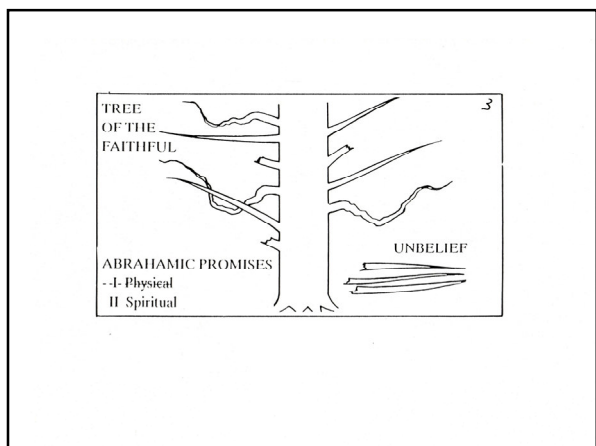
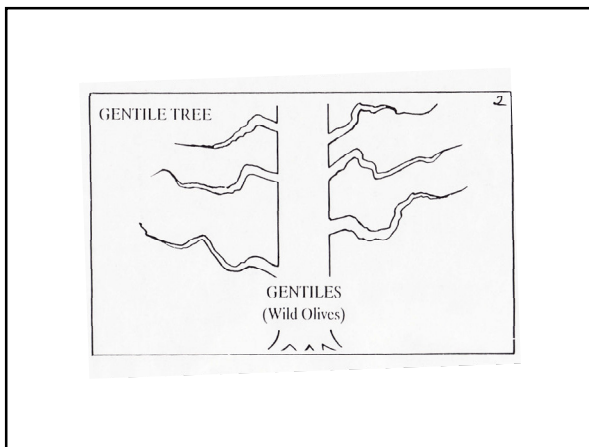
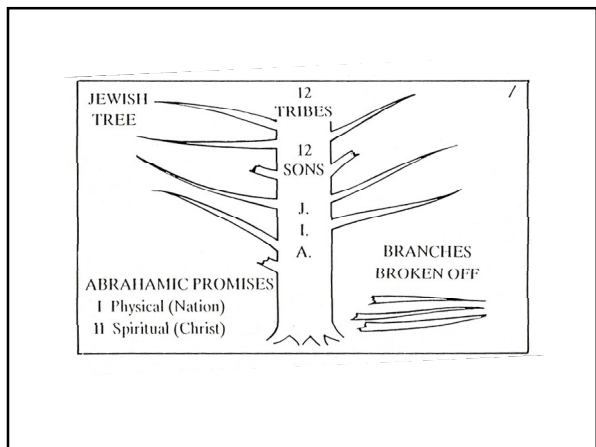
Background Considerations

- Ephesians 1:3-4 The elect are those "in Christ."
- Romans 9:30-32 The Jews in God's plan.
 - Romans 10:1-3 Jew not accepting Christ.
 - Romans 10:4 Christ is the end of the law... (Purpose attained in Christ.)
 - Romans 10:11-13 No difference between Jew and Gentile regarding salvation.
 - Romans 10:14-17 We must hear the message and respond.
 - Romans 10:21 Israel did not listen. (cf. John 1:11-12)

The Election Of Grace Romans 11

- Verse 1 Did God throw out the Jew?
- Verses 2-4 Thinking of Elijah.
- Verse 5 Application ... there is a remnant.
- Verse 11 Is God to kick the Jew out?
- Verses 13-14 Save some of the Jews?
- Verse 15 Jews rejection brought in the Gentiles
- Verses 16-24 Olive tree and wild olive tree.

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The Election Of Grace... Application

- The tree is a class of people... same class of people Paul calls “vessels of mercy”... those who receive Christ.
- Same as in 2 Timothy 1:9

The Election Of Grace... Application

The election of Grace is this:

- a. God before the foundation of the world, planned to make mankind and give him purpose.
- b. Because of what he intended for us to do, he made us free moral agents.
- c. Knowing that free moral agents could choose to sin, God by His grace purposed Jesus Christ as a Savior.

The Election Of Grace... Application

- d. When we obey the gospel of Christ, putting our trust in Christ, we are blessed through the election of grace.
- e. There is a remnant of Jews who will be saved according to the election of grace, and there are Gentiles who will be saved according to the election of grace.

The Election Of Grace... Application

- Romans 11:23-24 Jews can now be saved just the same as Gentiles.
 - Refutes “once saved always saved...”
- Romans 11:25-26; cf. verse 12 “Fullness” means Jews and Gentiles who receive Christ shall be saved.
 - “AND SO...”

Conclusion:

- God elected to save people “IN CHRIST.”
 - He elected to save all who put their trust in Christ. cf. 2 Peter 3:9
 - Preach the gospel to “every creature.” Mark 16:15-16