

“But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works;  
otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”  
(Romans 11:6 ESV)

- **And the first step of wisdom is to listen to the worst God says about us**, for He (wonderful to say!) is the Lover of man, sinner though man be (William R. Newell).
- **The principle of grace is antithetical to that of works**; if God has elected the individuals who make up the remnant “by grace,” it follows that he could not have elected them on the basis of works. The word “works” refers to anything that human beings do (Douglas Moo).
- God acting in righteousness, as we shall find, wholly on the basis of Christ’s atoning work, to be believed in, rested upon, **apart from all human works whatever** (William Newell).
- Here is perhaps **the most direct and absolute contrast in Scripture of two principles**: for **grace is God** acting sovereignly according to Himself; **works is man** seeking to present to God a human ground for blessing. **The two principles are utterly opposed** (William R. Newell).
- If grace is conditioned in any way by human performance or by the will of man impelling to action, **then grace ceases to be grace** (John Murray).
- Paul is saying that once we have come to see that salvation is by grace there is no longer any place for works. **If works have any place at all, he is saying, then there is no point in speaking about grace** (Leon Morris).
- **If works of any kind, retrospective or prospective, come into it, then we no longer have grace.** It is important to take grace seriously and not to let works creep in by some back door (Leon Morris).
- ... Things of an opposite character; for **such is the case between God’s grace and the merit of works, that he who establishes the one [grace] overturns the other [works]** (John Calvin).

## OUTLINE ... Romans 11:1-10

- (1) God did not reject the nation of Israel as a whole, 11:1-3.
- (2) God chose a remnant by grace, 11:4-6.
- (3) God hardened those who were not of the elect remnant, 11:7-10.

### *By grace through faith, not of works ...*

### **By Grace through faith ...**

- (Romans 3:20 ESV) **For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight**, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
- (Romans 3:28 ESV) **For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.**
- (Romans 4:6 ESV) Just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom **God counts righteousness apart from works.**
- (Romans 9:32 ESV) Why? Because **they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.** They have stumbled over the stumbling stone.
- (Romans 3:23–24 ESV) For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and **are justified by his grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
- (Romans 4:16a ESV) That is **why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace** and be guaranteed to all his offspring.
- (Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV) For **by grace you have been saved through faith.** And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast.
- (2 Timothy 1:9 ESV) [God] who saved us and called us to a holy calling, **not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace**, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

