

Selected Puritan Readings

"To which I may add this dilemma to our Universalists:—God imposed His wrath due unto, and Christ underwent the pains of hell for, either all the sins of all men, or all the sins of some men, or some sins of all men. If the last, some sins of all men, then have all men some sins to answer for, and so shall no man be saved; for if God enter into judgment with us, though it were with all mankind for one sin, no flesh should be justified in His sight: 'If the Lord should mark iniquities, who should stand?' Ps. 130:3. We might all go to cast all that we have 'to the moles and to the bats, to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty,' Isa. 2:20-21. If the second, that is it which we affirm, that Christ in their stead and room suffered for all the sins of all the elect in the world. If the first, why, then, are not all freed from the punishment of their sins? You will say, 'because of their unbelief; they will not believe.' But this unbelief, is it a sin, or not? If not, why should they be punished for it? If it be, then Christ underwent the punishment due to it, or not. If so, then why must that hinder them more than their other sins for which He died from partaking of the fruit of His death? If He did not, then did He not die for all their sins. Let them choose which part they will."

The Death of Death in the Death of Christ (pgs. 61-62)

~ John Owen (1616-1683)

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Revelation 19:11-16

Song #211 ~ A Debtor to Mercy

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 11:1-28

Song #230 ~ Before the Throne of God Above

Prayer

Sermon ~ Romans 11:11-15

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #214 ~ Jesus, Thank You

Revelation 15:3 And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!"

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Text: Romans 11:11-15

Theme: Israel has not been permanently rejected.

- I. Israel did not stumble permanently (v. 11).
 1. "Israel" refers to those who had been hardened (cf. v. 7-10).
 2. Israel's stumbling refers to her righteousness apart from Christ (9:31-33; 10:3).
- A. Israel's rejection of Christ's righteousness enabled Gentiles to enjoy the covenant blessings (v. 11).
 1. The salvation of the Gentiles would stir up jealousy among Israel (Deut. 32:21; Acts 13:44-47; 19:8-10; 28:23-29).
 - i. Note Eliezir of Damascus (Gen. 15:2-4).
- B. Israel's sin of self-righteousness brought abundance of riches to the Gentiles (v. 12)
 1. Israel's rejection brought riches to the Gentiles.
 2. Israel's restoration will bring even greater abundance back to herself (Isaiah 60:3-7).
- C. Gentiles should not respond to this good news with pride (v. 13-14).
 1. Paul cared deeply about the Gentiles, but part of his goal was to see Israel restored.
- D. Israel's restoration will be life from the dead (v. 15).
 1. Israel's blind eyes will be able to see (cf. Rom. 6:13).

Knowing God

Romans 11:11-15

Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

How does the salvation of Gentiles contribute to the salvation of Israel?

Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

What are some examples of how we tend to view America as the center of the Gospel and how does this passage correct that viewpoint?

Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

How does this passage confirm Israel's place in God's plan of redemption (contra dispensationalism)?

Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

How does this passage remind us of God's graciousness in choosing us?