



Never Fear! You're Never Alone

Romans 11
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The Struggle of the Solitary Saint

(Romans 11:1-5)

Sometimes, the world seems dark.

Christians are few; sinners are many (11:1).

Where are the redeemed? Is there anyone else?

Why is the world so dark with sin?

Am I alone? Am I the only light? Are any other
God's? Can I count on God's promises?




The Solution: God Preserves a Remnant of Believers (Romans 11:1-5)

Paul has built a case that the Jewish people has rejected God (Ro 10:1-4). This has made him sad (9:1-3). Did God abandon the Jews?

Will Christianity be only Gentile?

Answer: Paul himself was a Jew (11:1). The other apostles were also Jews (Acts). The church began as a Jewish church (Acts 2-9).

Redemption history shows God has preserved for Himself a remnant of faithful believers. Elijah is an example of this (11:2-5).



The Surprise: Striving is not the Solution; Grace is (Romans 11:6-10)!

Grace is the only way to be saved; you can't fight your way to heaven by your own effort (11:5-6).

Indeed the very working for your salvation can harden you to the reality that salvation is only by faith in Christ by grace (11:7-8).

Self-righteousness blinds people to Christ's righteousness (11:8-9 cf. Psalm 69).



The Surplus: Now believers will be both Jewish and Gentile– More believers blessed than ever! (Romans 11:11-16)

The Lord redeems *both* Jewish and Gentile believers.

Jewish first fruits are added to with fruits of Gentile believers, making for a grand harvest (11:16). All believers in Jesus are saved (11). All are rich (12). All are reconciled (15). All have eternal life (15). All will be holy (16).



**The Solace: You are not God's only child!
Take comfort! Take courage! Take your part!**

Unseen and unheard by us are other believers in Jesus Christ.

Unreckoned and uncounted in fellowship with God are Christians who have believed in Jesus Christ. They are sheep not in our association who belong to Jesus Christ.

Undiscovered by us by found by the Good Shepherd, we can trust God has salt and light in our community, city, country and world that He Himself knows!