

Remember the Remnant.

Background

- Romans 1 All are without excuse. No one can deny the evidence for God's existence.
- Romans 2 Both Jew and Gentile are without excuse.
- Romans 3 All have sinned.
- Romans 4 Abraham justified by faith.
- Romans 5 Peace with God through faith.
- Romans 6 Dead to sin, alive to God...The wages of sin is death.
- Romans 7 I cannot be justified by the Law...who will deliver me? Jesus Christ.
- Romans 8 No condemnation to those in Jesus Christ.
- Romans 9 God's sovereignty in salvation and Israel's unbelief.
- Romans 10 The necessity of preaching for salvation to all persons.
- Romans 11 The remnant of Israel and God's mercy grafting in the Gentiles.

When you're pressing on for Jesus, but those around you aren't

- Questions are normal – 11:1a *I ask, then, has God rejected his people?*
- You're not the only one – 11:1b-4 *For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the*

*Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? <sup>3</sup> “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” <sup>4</sup> But what is God’s reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”*

- *There’s always a Remnant – 11:5-6 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.*
- *Seek first things first – 11:7-10 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, <sup>8</sup> as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.” <sup>9</sup> And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; <sup>10</sup> let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever.”*