



The Root and the Branches

Romans 10 and 11

God's mercy was not restricted but extended to all.



God used Cornelius and his household to demonstrate that "God accepts people from every nation. Acts 10:34-47

God used the rejection of the Jews to accelerate the spread of the gospel to the rest of the world. Acts 13:44-49

'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.'

Rom 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 **For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**



Christ is the culmination of the Law

The Law served a crucial purpose: it exposed sin, revealed God's holiness, and established the sacrificial system. But it demanded perfect obedience. Jesus lived the perfect life, absorbed the curse of death, and triumphed through resurrection—fulfilling every requirement and shadow of the Law.

The Old Covenant is now obsolete. Righteousness is no longer achieved through perfection; it is available to everyone who believes. (Hebrews 8:13 / Romans 10:4)

Deut 30:11 “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you...

14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. 15“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 **If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live** and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish.

Rom 10:6 But the righteousness based on faith says, ...

8...“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, **if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Two covenants, two entirely different foundations

The Law (Deut 30)

The Basis

What you do (The law).

The Requirement

Perfect obedience to commandments, statutes, and rules.

The Access

Achieved through relentless human effort.

Grace (Rom 10)

Who you are in
(Christ's finished work).

Confess with your mouth
and believe in your heart.

Received as a gift
("The word is near you").

Our righteousness is 100% based on being in Christ, not on our perfect obedience.

Preach the Gospel
at all times and
when necessary,
use words

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Rom 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” **17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

We must share the gospel in words for someone to hear and get saved

Sent

Messengers are commissioned.

Preach

The Gospel is spoken aloud.

Hear

The message is received.

Believe

The heart is justified.

Call

The mouth confesses.

“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Rom 10:17)

Good deeds and caring for the needy are essential to the Christian life, but the gospel cannot be fully preached without words. The message of life must be spoken to activate faith.

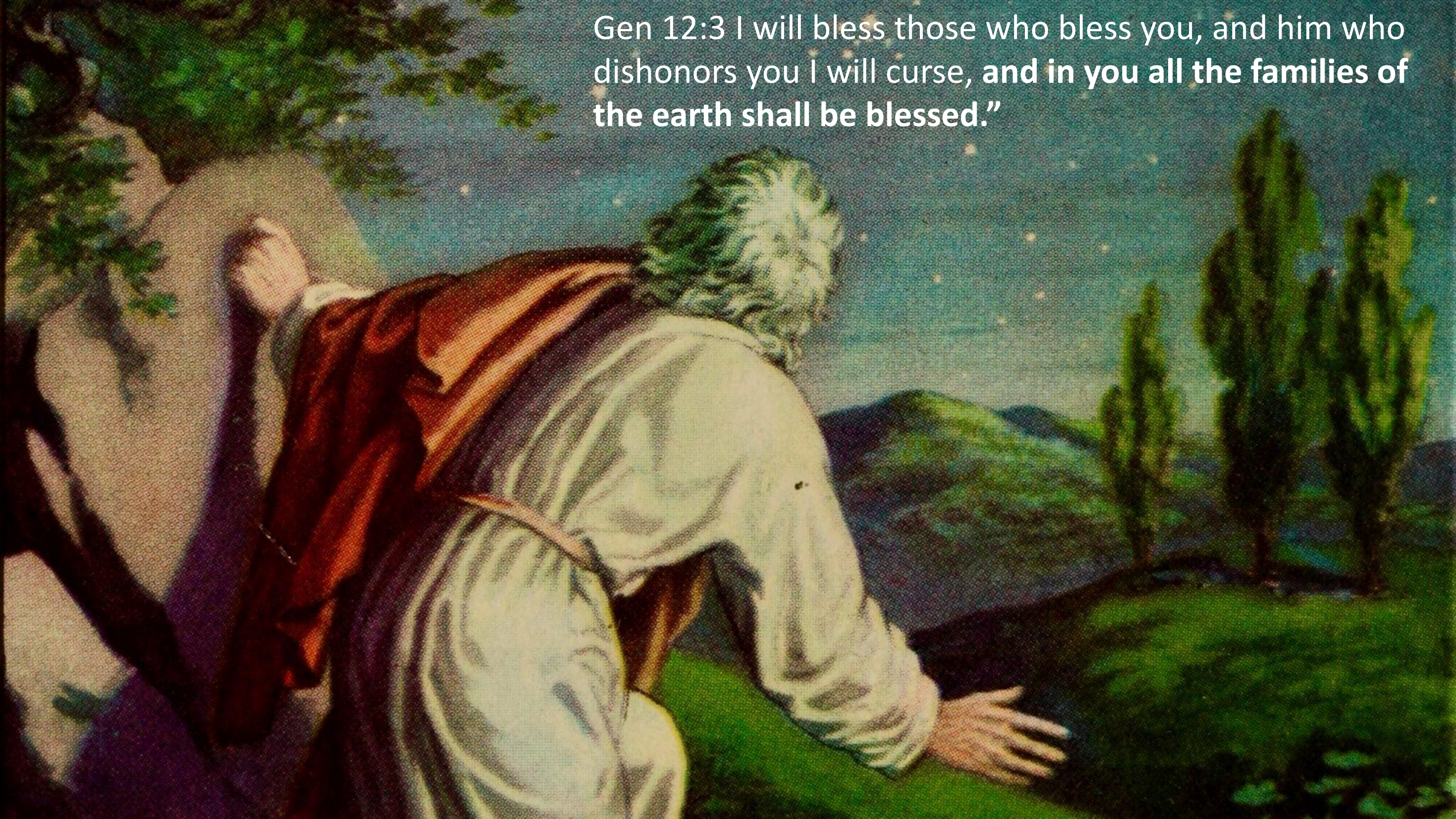
Rom 11:5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened

Rom 11:11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. 12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

11:25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved...

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”



The anatomy of God's Olive Tree

2. Broken Branches:
Unbelieving Jews.
Removed from the covenant specifically because of unbelief, not a lack of heritage.

1. The Root:
The Abrahamic Covenant.
God's ancient foundation of promise.

3. Natural Branches:
Believing Jews.
The remnant chosen by grace.

4. Wild Branches:
Gentile Believers.
Grafted in by faith in Jesus.

Warning Label

"Do not be arrogant. You stand by faith." (Rom 11:20)

Unbelief severs the branch; faith restores it entirely.

A photograph of a severed olive branch lying on dark, rich soil. The branch is cut at the bottom, showing a clean, light-colored wound. The leaves are silvery-green and elongated. The background is dark and textured.

The Hardening

Israel failed to obtain what it sought. A partial hardening came upon them. They stumbled, but not to fall permanently. (Rom 11:11)

A photograph showing a branch of an olive tree grafted into the trunk of an existing tree. The graft is secured with a piece of yellow tape. The branch has green leaves and small green olives. The tree trunk is thick and has rough, textured bark.

The Remnant & Restoration

God retains the power to graft the natural branches back into their own tree. The only condition for restoration is the cessation of unbelief. (Rom 11:23)

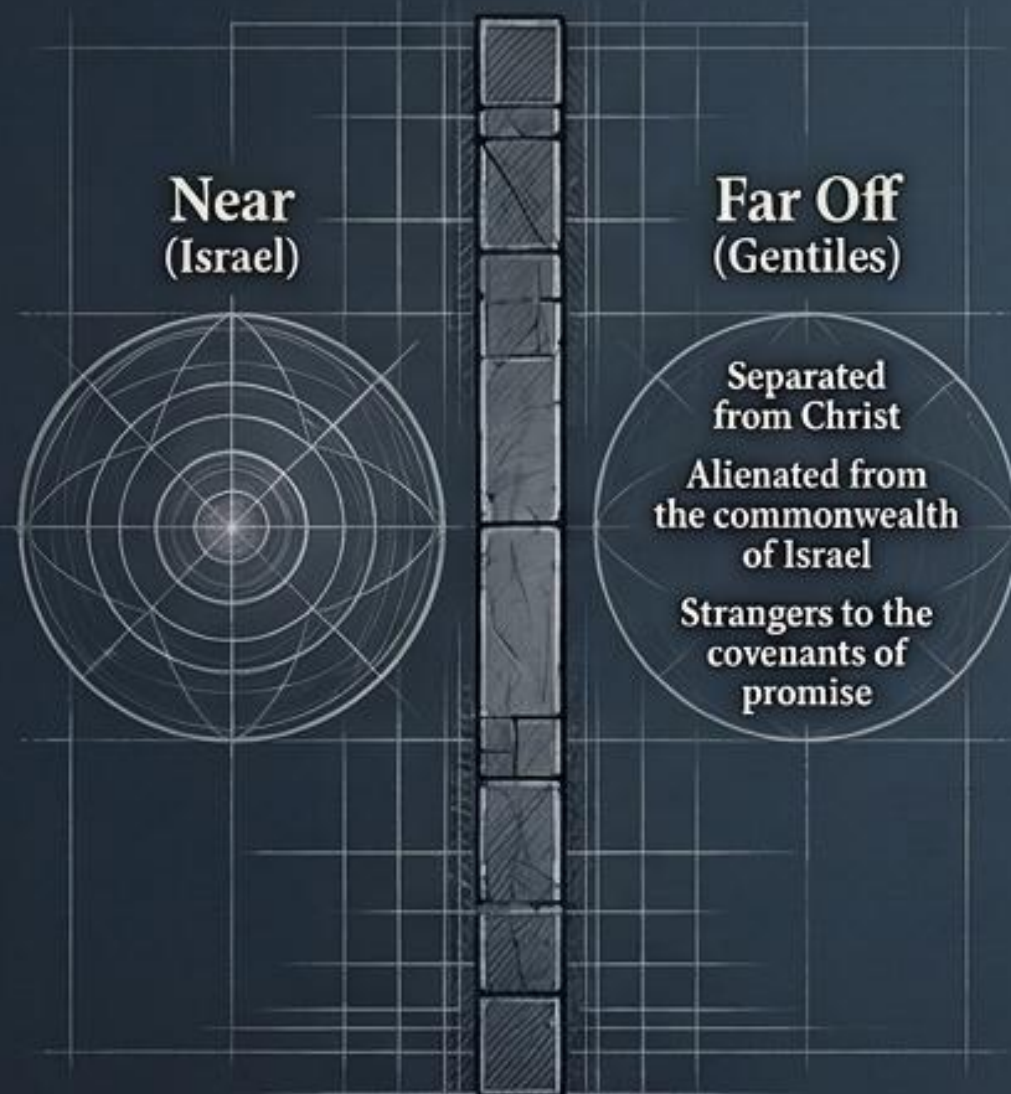
God's plan of Salvation was Always Global

Isaiah 49:6 “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

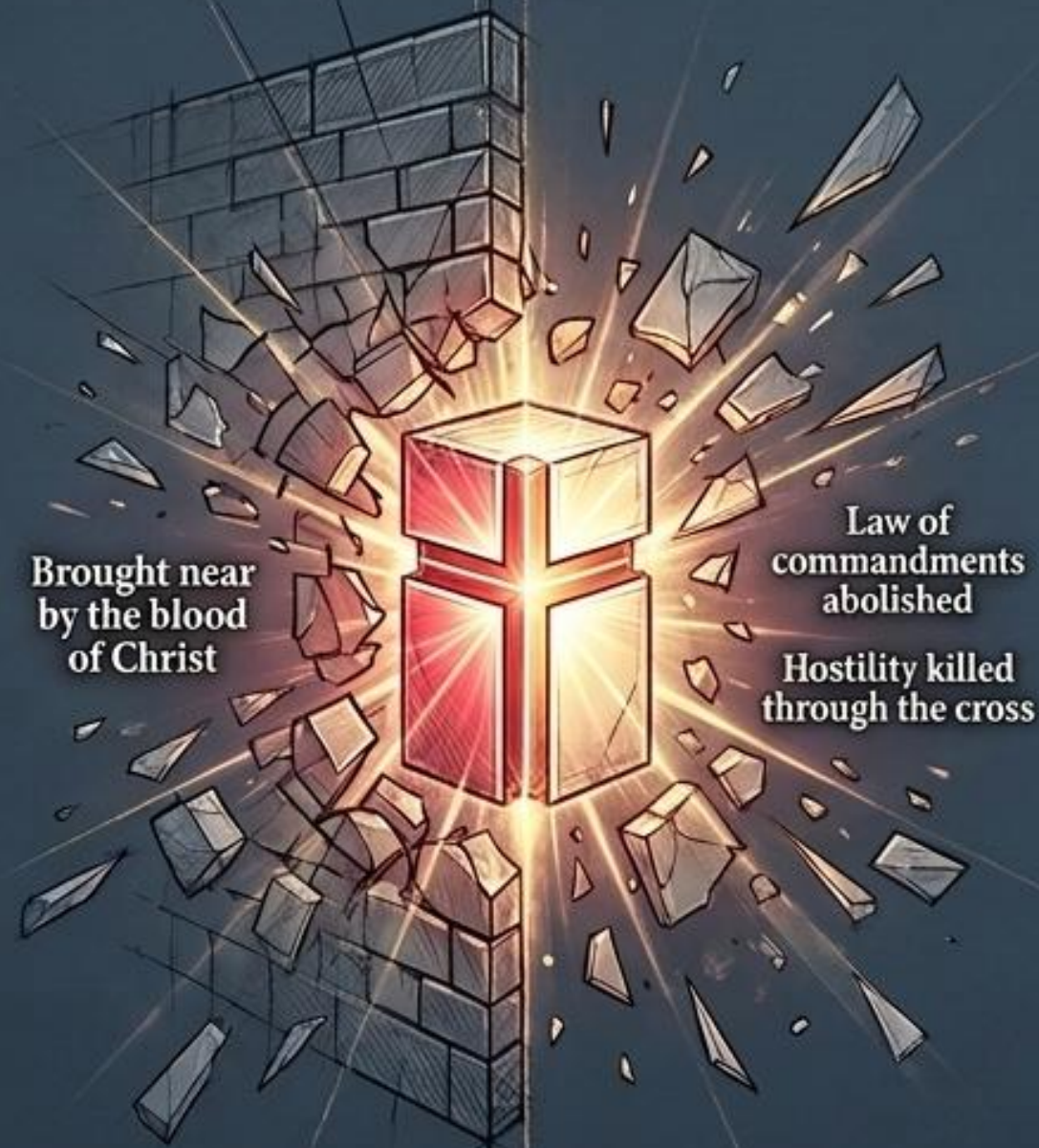
Psalms 22:27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

From Alienation to the Dwelling Place of God

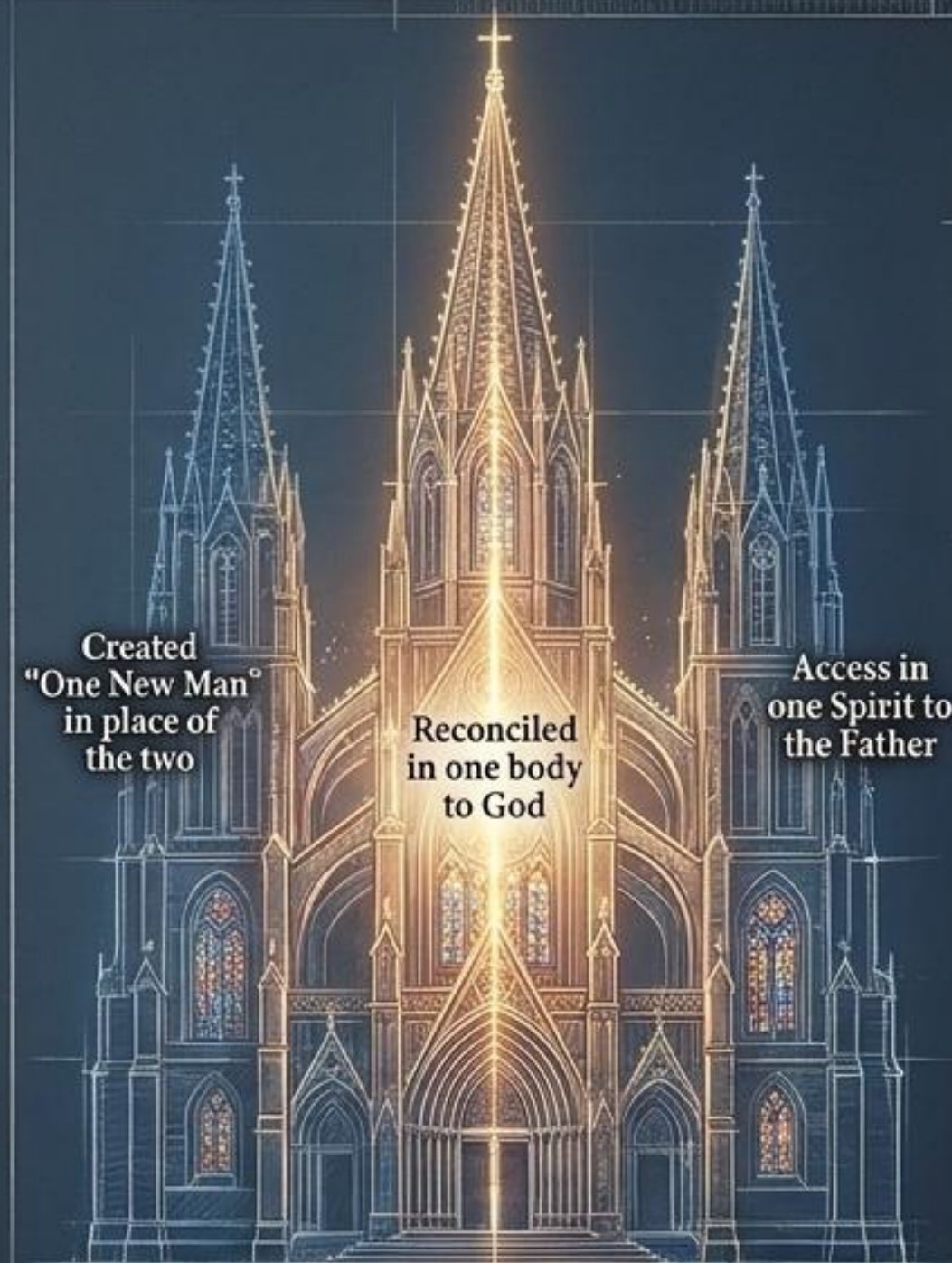
(Ephesians 2:11-22)



No Hope. Without God.



He Himself is our peace.



Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets

Strangers & Aliens
(The Outsider)

→ Through the Blood of Christ →

Fellow Citizens
(The Kingdom)

→ Members of
the Household
(The Family) →

A Holy Temple
(The Dwelling Place of
God by the Spirit)

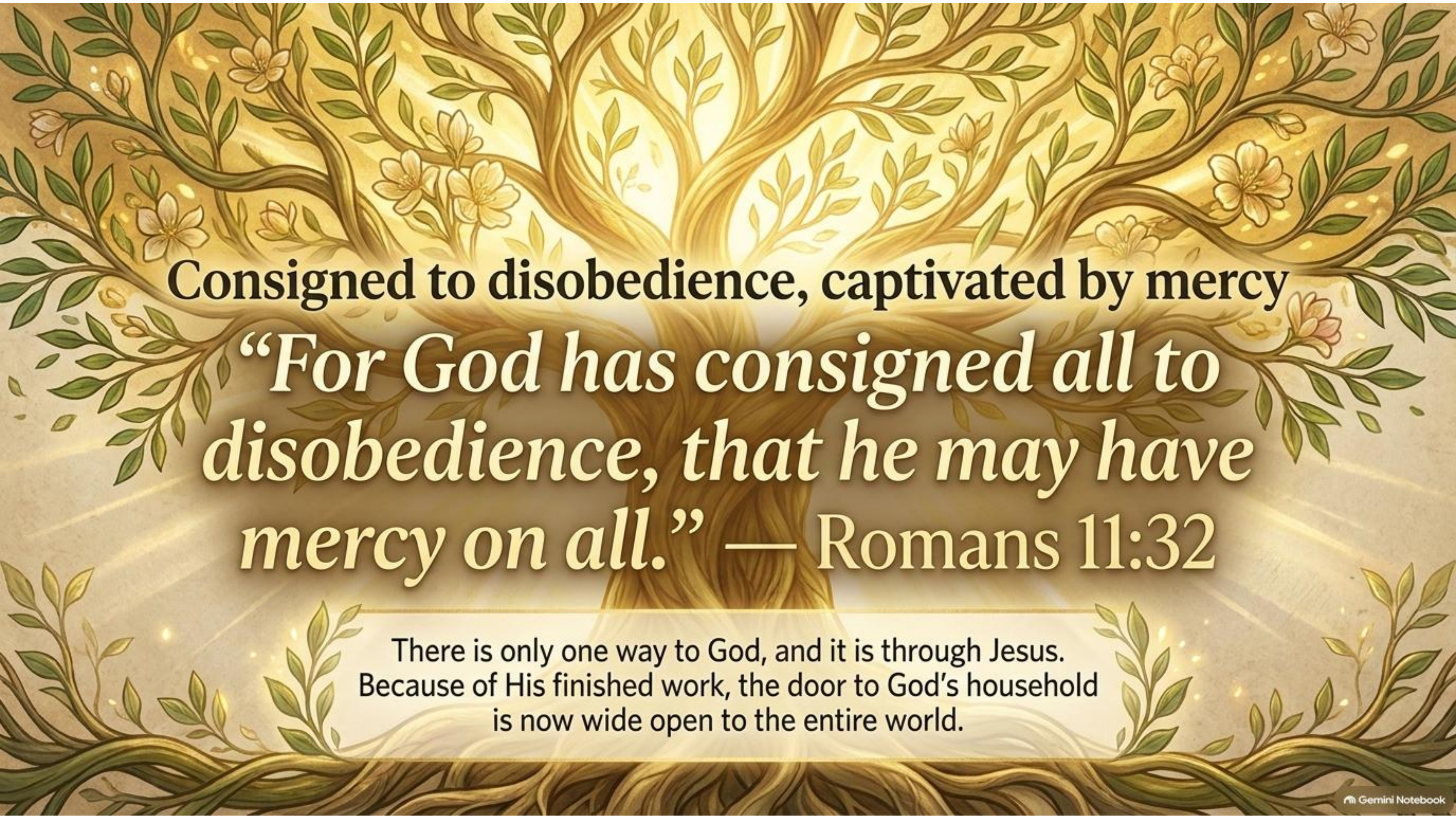
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“The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;

27 “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, **they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.**

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 **For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.**



Consigned to disobedience, captivated by mercy

“For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.” — Romans 11:32

There is only one way to God, and it is through Jesus.
Because of His finished work, the door to God's household
is now wide open to the entire world.

We hasten His coming by finishing the work.

- The ancient root supports us.
- Grace grafted us in.
- The dividing wall is gone.

**Our mandate is not to watch
the Middle East for signs. Our
mandate is to be a light to the
farthest corners of the earth.**

