Israel will be Grafted Back In

Romans 11:16-24

Introduction: the purpose of chapters 9-11

- to show that unbelieving Jews are lost
- to show that God has judicially blinded Israel
- to show that God will one day restore Israel

I. The Reason for Israel's Restoration v. 16

- A. The firstfruit and the lump of dough Num. 15:18-21
- B. The root and the branches Genesis 12, 15

II. The Reason for God's Removal of Israel v. 17

III. The Right attitude of grafted Gentiles vv. 18-22

- A. "... the root supports you..." v. 18
 - 1. John 4:22
 - 2. Romans 4:11, 16-17
- B. There's no place for anti-Semitism vv. 19-21
- C. The warning to Gentile Christendom v. 22
 - 1. Rom. 9:6 "they are not all Israel who are of Israel"
 - 2. They are not all Christians who are in Christendom

IV. The Reasonableness of Restoration vv. 23-24

- A. God is able to restore the Jews v. 23
- B. It would be very natural to restore the Jews v. 24

Concluding applications:

- #1) God is sovereign in history
- #2) God is sovereign in salvation
- #3) There's no room for pride in the Christian life
- #4) God has the tremendous ability to bring good out of bad
- #5) The importance of faith