ROMANS 1:16

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

UNASHAMED: OUR BRANCH MANAGER

Romans 11:1-24

"Did God reject His people?"

See Jeremiah 33:19-26. No uncertain terms

Elijah (See 1 Kings 17 – 19)

Vs. 4 Who have not bowed down (Who have remained faithful)

A remnant chosen by... GRACE. Period.

Romans 9:30 - 10:4

And recall 9:6 "Not all who are descended from Israel are Israel."

Consider also Matthew 13:14

VSS. 11-16 TOO FAR GONE?

Absolutely not!

The rejection by the Jews led to an open door for the rest of us

Vss. 13-14 Paul, a missionary to the Gentiles, went first to the synagogue on his mission trips

(See his pattern in Acts, chapters 13-19)

Vs. 15

Their rejection led to reconciliation (Isa. 61:1-3)

Their acceptance will lead to spiritual resurrection

STAY HUMBLE, FRIENDS VSS. 17-21

Some branches broken off (through their rejection)

Wild olive shoots (Gentile believers) are grafted in and are now taking nourishment from the Root

"You don't support the Root" Christ is our life, and there's not room for boasting

Unbelief led to their removal.

Your faith is the reason you stand.

Stand in humility and faithfulness.

Note the warning (Vs. 21)

VSS. 22-24

The kindness AND sternness of God.

"Continue in" Scripture is clear of election and clear about our security in Christ, but it is also clear about our need to persevere as saints. Genuine saving faith is a persevering faith

"Otherwise you also will be cut off."

Vss. 23-24

How incredibly gracious and merciful of our Father

"If they don't persist in unbelief, they (too) will be grafted in...again"