

1. Through the falling away of Israel, God has now extended His salvation to the Gentiles. God will use this grace, given to the Gentiles, to cause the Jews to be jealous of the Gentiles because they have received salvation in Jesus Christ.
2. Paul is the Apostle to the Gentiles, but he desires to see his ministry not just reach the Gentiles but to be magnified by reaching some of the Jews, as well.
3. Through Israel's rejection, God has brought the reconciliation of the world to Himself through the work of His Son Jesus Christ. When God accepts the nation of Israel back from their rejection, this will mean life from the dead.
4. If the dough's beginning part is holy, it follows that the whole lump of dough is holy. And if the root of a plant is holy, so are the branches. So, all who are in Christ through faith are covered by His righteousness.
5. As a Gentile who professes faith in Jesus, you might say that the Jewish branches were broken off so that you could be grafted in. While this is true, those Jews were broken off because they did not truly believe in Christ, while as a Gentile, you stand fast only through faith. Therefore, do not be proud, but fear God!
6. There are many Jews, the natural branches, that God did not spare when He did His pruning because they did not stand by faith. So, if you also, in arrogance, do not cling to the root, Jesus Christ, by faith, you too will not be spared.
7. Even the branches that were broken off could be grafted back into the tree if they were to put their trust in Jesus Christ because God has the power to choose whomever He wishes for salvation.
8. Since the Gentiles, who are not naturally part of the root of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, have been grafted through faith into Him, how much more will God keep His promises to the Jewish people when He grafts them back into the tree?

Application

1. No one has such a record of works before God that they are outside the reach of God's judgment, and no one is so close to the judgment of God that they are outside the reach of God's kindness in Christ. Therefore, fear God and tell everyone of His grace and mercy to you and for them through faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Pray for the fullness of the Gentiles to come in and for all Israel to be saved so that soon after, Jesus Christ might return to judge the living and the dead. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!