



“Sclerosis of the Heart”

Romans 11:7-10

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1. **Israel seeks self-righteousness to obtain God’s _____.** v7

"What then? **What Israel is seeking**, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;" - Rom 11:7 NASB95

1) **Israel could not _____ righteousness by the works of the Law.**

"and may be found in Him, not having a *righteousness* of my own derived from [the] Law, but that *which is through faith in Christ*, the righteousness *which [comes] from God on the basis of faith*," - Phl 3:9

2) **The surpassing value of knowing Christ is greater than all _____**

"More than that, **I count all things to be loss** in view of **the surpassing value of knowing Christ** Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of **all things**, and **count them but rubbish** so that I may gain Christ," - Phl 3:8

3) **The _____ obtain God’s righteousness by faith.** Act 9:15; 10:39-43

- "But the Lord said to him, "Go, for **he is a chosen instrument of Mine**, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;" - Act 9:15
- ""We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but **to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God**, [that is,] to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. "Of **Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.**" - Act 10:39-43 NASB95

✱ **Not a religious _____.**

✱ **Not a decision of Paul’s _____.**

✱ **The elect are “_____.”** ἡ ἐκλογή = λείμμα

2. **Those not chosen God _____.** Jas 1:13-16

"**Let no one say** when he is tempted, "**I am being tempted by God**"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and **He Himself does not tempt anyone**. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and **enticed by his own lust**. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren." - Jas 1:13-16

✱ **Divine hardening is a _____ act.**

✱ **Divine hardening is not the _____ but the _____ of rejecting the truth.**

1) **The rest of Israel were _____.** Heb 13:3; Rom 9:18

✱ **The hardened are “_____.”** πωρώω = οἱ λοιποὶ

"the rest were hardened" v7c

✱ **Do not harden your _____.** μὴ σκληρύνετε τὰς καρδίας. [σκληρύνω]

- "while it is said, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, **DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS**, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME." - Heb 3:15 NASB95
- "But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is [still] called "Today," so **that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**" - Heb 3:13
- "So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and **He hardens whom He desires.**" - Rom9:18

2) **God give them spiritual _____.** v8 Jn 12:40

- "just as it is written, "**GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR**, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."" - Rom 11:8
- ""**HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART**, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM."" - Jhn 12:40 {Quote from Isaiah 6:9-10}

- ✱ **Eyes that do not _____.**
- ✱ **Ears that do not _____.**

ROMANS 1 - Progression of hardening

- men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness
- that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
- even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks,
- God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity
- God gave them over to degrading passions;
- God gave them over to a depraved mind
- "and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them." - Rom 1:32 NASB95,

3. **Judgment comes _____ and _____ to those who are hardened.** v9-10

1) **Their table represents...**

"And David says, "LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A **SNARE** AND A **TRAP**, AND A **STUMBLING BLOCK** AND A **RETRIBUTION** TO THEM." - Rom 11:9

- ✱ **...God's _____.**
- ✱ **...their personal _____.**

2) **...their table becomes...** v9

"May their table before them become a snare; And *when they are in peace*, [may it become] a trap." - Psa 69:22

- ✱ **...a snare [sudden _____ or _____.]**
- ✱ **...a trap. [secret _____ capture of prey.]**
- ✱ **...a stumbling block. [cause of ruin a _____ trap.]**
- ✱ **...a retribution. [dispensing or receiving _____.]**

3) **Hardening progressively extinguishes the _____ of sin.**

""LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT..." - Rom 11:11

4) **Fear and guilt is the _____ and _____ of the rebellious.**

"...BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER." v11b

Take away

- ☪ **"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT _____."** - Heb 4:7
- ☪ **DO NOT BECOME _____ - Heb 5:11**
- ☪ **TRAIN YOUR SENSES TO _____ BETWEEN _____ AND _____ - Heb 5:14**