

## **Bible Study for August 10-16**

*You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.*

**Read:** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

**Notes:** We might want to begin by noting today that our lesson begins at the very beginning of chapter 11, but then jumps quickly to verse 29. The reason for that is to give some context to our lesson, to assist us in determining what Paul is attempting to say to us. For a fuller view on the topic, I encourage you to read all of chapter 11.

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

What experience of rejection in your life do you most vividly recall? How did you get over it?

Why does Paul consider that many of the Israelites have rejected God? Why might this idea of having been rejected be difficult for Paul's fellow Israelites to grasp? (See Romans 10:3)

Are church people today relying more on their performance of religious rituals or good works, or on God's grace? How so?

Has arrogance between groups of Christians ever hurt your faith experience? How so? Have you ever shown such an attitude to others? How, and why?

How are we all the same in God's eyes?