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Romans 11:25-32

If God is all-knowing, all-powerful and benevolent, why did He allow sin to come into existence? Paul actually answers this question in this powerful conclusion of his dealing with the topic God's sovereign plan for ethnic Israel. Verse 32 is not one of the more popular verses in Romans which is unfortunate since so much of God's grand purpose is revealed in such a short statement!

We will look at a major section of the doctrinal half of Ephesians where Paul expands on this mystery that through Jesus the believing Gentiles are being included in God's covenant with Israel to take away their sin and restore them to a place of fellowship and blessing with and by Him.

We will also look at 2 Corinthians 1:19-20 (quoted in the text box) to remind ourselves of the principle that all God's

promises find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Israel as a nation cannot have the promises God made to their forefathers and the New Covenant to take away sin without Him! As John says at the beginning of his gospel, "He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But as many as did receive Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God," (John 1:11-12). This mystery was hidden in times past, but is now revealed with the advent of the Son of God: The elect Gentiles are included in God's promised Kingdom. When He is finished with the Church Age, He will use the Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jer. 30:7) to bring them to a place of repentance of their sin of rejecting Jesus and at last God will then be able to fulfill His promises to them.

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Whom we proclaimed among you...was not Yes and No,
but in Him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.

- 2 Corinthians 1:19-20 ESV

1. The mystery of the fullness of the Gentiles (v. 25; cf. Eph. 2:11-3:10, esp. 3:3-6)

2. All Israel will be saved (vv. 26-27)

3. God's gifts and calling are irrevocable (vv. 28-29)

4. God's use of mankind's disobedience to reveal His mercy (vv. 30-32)