

Ransom Captive Israel (Week 2)

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FOMO—fear of missing out, anxiety that an exciting or interesting event may be happening elsewhere, often aroused by posts seen on a social media website.

- The Oxford English Dictionary, 2015

The attractiveness of God's grace in believers should provoke others to a fear of missing out on the goodness of what we have in Christ (verses 11-15).

“It’s in the nature of grace that it never stops with us. It never stops at any boundary, any border of culture. It’s the nature of grace that it’s always reaching one group of people in order to reach another group of people.”—Christopher Ash

“The gospel faith of Jews such as Paul is a sign that there will, one day, be many more like him . . . Since God has brought in some of Israel, we can look to him to bring in the whole.” - Tim Keller

“As far as the NT is concerned, the only candidate for ‘replacing’ Israel is Jesus himself. . . . Jesus replaces, or rather displaces, all (whether Jews or Gentiles) who reject him and refuse to enter the ‘friendship of the Lord’ through him. But when people enter that friendship through faith in him, and through the gift of the Spirit, then Israel’s destiny and hope has been realized, not set aside. On this basis, Israel’s Scriptures become the Scriptures of the church, and the unity of the biblical covenant is secured.” - *The New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*

The danger of being presumptuous should instill a healthy fear in believers, lest we too miss out (verses 17-24).

“We were made to be safely afraid of God, because when we are safely afraid of God — when there is no condemnation and we know that he is our Father and our Friend — then what remains in fear of God is deeply pleasant. Otherwise Jesus and the saints would not have said, “I delight to fear your name.” - John Piper

”None of us can establish a claim before God by virtue of our birth, our beauty, our brains, our brilliance, our behavior.” - Vaughan Roberts