

# **The Callus On Israel's Heart Is Not Final**

ROMANS 11:11-16

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Main Text: Romans 11:11-16 English Standard Version (ESV)

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Main Points:

**I. THE CONCERN OF REJECTION (v. 11a)** So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means!

**a. Paul's Question & Answer? Rhetorical Question / Strong Rebuttal**

**b. God Stabilized Israel's Stumbling Over Christ**

**c. God's Temporary Rejection Of Israel Had Accomplished A Divine Objective**

**II. THE BENEFIT FOR THE GENTILES (vv. 11c-12)**

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**a. Israel's Stumbling Was A Blessing For All The People In The World. "Salvation"**

**b. Paul's excitement for the future of Israel**

**III. SALVATION WAS EXTENDED TO THE GENTILES TO PROVOKE ISRAEL TO JEALOUSY (vv. 13-16)**

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**a. Paul In His Life & Ministry Tries To Stir The Jews To Be Saved (vv.13-15)**

**b. Paul's desire to see Israel experience Salvation**

**c. The Patriarchs promise still stands (v.16).**