

1. Not all who are descended from ______ are Israel.

Romans 9:6-8

It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. 7 Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 8 In other words, it is not the children by <u>physical descent</u> who are God's children, but it is the <u>children of the promise</u> who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

Physical Descent vs. Children of the Promise

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	Hagar	Sarah	Remarried
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	Ishmael • I_		• Other Sons
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	Esau • J _		(Israel)
Not	Israel will be save	d, but	Israel will be saved (11:26)
2. Israel is those w	ho to _		
3. Must	(Faith) to be		in the Family.
Original tree, some branches broken off. (unbelief)			
Unnatural Branches have been grafted on. (belief)			

4. Warning: You must R_____ in your B_____.

John 15:5-6,8 (NIV)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you <u>remain</u> in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, <u>showing yourselves to be my</u> <u>disciples</u>. (apart of the family)

Reflection Questions:

Are you remaining in your belief? Is something threatening to make you depart or leave your belief? What are the benefits of remaining?

Romans 11:11 *Did God's people stumble and fall <u>beyond recovery</u>? Not at all!*

Romans 11:23 (NIV)

And if they (Israel) do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

Closing: Here's the Hope!

You have not stumbled and fallen b_____ r____!

• God is able to graft you in _____\.

- No matter who you are or what you've done, Jesus is inviting you to be included in the family!
- Must believe in Jesus. (Faith, Trust)