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- ✓ Numbers 15:17-21 “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you enter the land where I bring you, then it shall be, that when you eat of the food of the land, you shall lift up an offering to the LORD. ‘Of the first of your dough you shall lift up a cake as an offering; as the offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up. ‘From the first of your dough you shall give to the LORD an offering throughout your generations.”



# WHAT IS THE DOUGH/ROOT?



The Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob) and the promises made to them and to the nation of Israel.

- ✓ "Fathers" (Romans 9:5)
- ✓ Abraham and Isaac (Romans 9:7)
- ✓ Jacob (Romans 9:13)
- ✓ Romans 11:28 "From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."



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❖ “Thus both illustrations make the same point; the election of the patriarchs [and the promises to them] sanctifies Israel as a whole.”

Thomas R. Schreiner





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# OLIVE TREES



- Most widely cultivated fruit tree in all the Mediterranean.
- Essential in the economy at the time of Paul.
- When in Rome—use an olive tree illustration! 😊
- Average lifespan is 300-500 years (up to 1000)
- Hearty and robust tree but as they get older they can become less and less productive.
- So you would graft healthy twigs (Scions) onto it (or onto a “wild” olive tree)



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“They (the Gentiles) become “partakers with them” “in other words the Gentile at his conversion was spiritually grafted into the good olive tree and became a PART-taker, not an ALL-taker, with the Jewish believers. Jewish and Gentile believers became one. They partook of the root, Abraham, (Rom. 4), and of the fatness (of the righteousness which is by faith, Rom 4:3) of the good olive tree.”

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“The Jewish Christian is not grafted into a Gentile church. To a Jewish Christian the Church has become a Gentile Christian church in its thinking and concept. It is a Church with the Jews left out. The Gentile who becomes a believer in the Jewish Messiah and accepts Christ as his savior, is grafted into The Church, the Body of Christ. If there could be boasting it would have to be on the part of the Jewish Christian since, “Salvation is from the Jews” (Jn. 4:22). We must not forget that the Jewish nation, collectively and individually, is what Paul calls the natural good branches of the tree! Only some of the natural branches have been broken off. The stock is not sterile [unproductive]. It is still drawing the living sap and distributing it among the branches.”

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# 1 CORINTHIANS 10:12



“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”



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