

THE TREE OF LIFE compared to an Olive Tree – a tree we grow up on.

- Romans 11:17-20 "But some of those branches from Abraham's tree, some of the Jews, have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a WILD OLIVE TREE, were grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in God's rich nourishment."
- Human kind was cut off the tree of life in the Garden of Eden. The first nation grafted in was Abraham and his descendants, the Jews. Those grafted in wanted to be part of the Lord's life and presented themselves to Him— by belief.
- The Jews rejected God, believing in themselves. They killed their Messiah, the Lord and Savior of the world (the Tree of Life for us), and were cut off.
- However, Father God is not roaming the earth to reject and cut off people—but rather to draw them to Himself and graft them into the TREE.

• "Those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life—that I should raise them at the last day." John 6:37-40

- **Our part is to accept and believe in God.**

"Any one who **believes in him** will not be disappointed. Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They all have the same Lord who generously gives his riches **to all who ask** for them. Everyone **who calls** upon the name of the Lord will be saved."
Romans 10:11-13

• **Believe in the Lord** – Do not believe in the empty belief of the world. "Oh the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers. But they delight in doing everything the LORD wants; day and night they think about his law. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail. Their leaves never wither, and in all they do they prosper." Psalm 1:1-3