

A blurred photograph of a crowd of people, likely in a church, with a semi-transparent pink overlay. In the top right corner, there is a graphic consisting of a white circle with a network of lines and dots extending from its perimeter. The text "Called to the Gospel" is centered within this graphic.

Called
to the
Gospel

If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

ROMANS 11:16

**If some of the branches have
been broken off, and you,
though a wild olive shoot,
have been grafted in among
the others and now share in
the nourishing sap from the
olive root,**

ROMANS 11:17

do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.

ROMANS 11:18



Called
to the
Gospel

**You will say then, “Branches
were broken off so that I
could be grafted in.”**

ROMANS 11:19

Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble.

ROMANS 11:20



Called
to the
Gospel

**For if God did not spare the
natural branches, He will not
spare you either.**

ROMANS 11:21

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in His kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

ROMANS 11:22

**Called
to the
Gospel**



Called
to the
Gospel

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

ROMANS 11:23

After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

ROMANS 11:24

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,

ROMANS 11:25

**and in this way all Israel will
be saved. As it is written:
“The deliverer will come
from Zion; He will turn
godlessness away from Jacob.**

ROMANS 11:26



Called
to the
Gospel

**“And this is My covenant
with them when I take
away their sins.”**

ROMANS 11:27

Two Lessons

JOHN STOTT



Called
to the
Gospel

- 1 A warning to the Gentile believers not to presume.**
- 2 A promise to the Israelite unbelievers that they could be restored.**



Called
to the
Gospel

**Romans 9: The *Call*
of God In Salvation**

**Romans 10: The *Means*
of God In Salvation**

**Romans 11: The *People*
of God In Salvation**

The Analogy of
God's Grand Plan:
Insight & Warning
(11:17-24)

Tree = People of God

Root = Patriarchs

Natural Branches = Jews

Wild Branches = Gentiles

Nourishing Sap = God's

Promised Good News



**Called
to the
Gospel**

“The Gentiles’ rejoicing at being *included* with Jews in God’s people would all too easily lead to boasting that they had *replaced* the Jews as the people of God.”

DOUGLAS MOO

Called
to the
Gospel

“The Gentiles could be rejected like the Jews. There is not room for complacency. The Jews could be accepted like the Gentiles. There is no room for despair.”

JOHN STOTT

Called
to the
Gospel

“Whether His kindness or sternness rests on you depends on whether you believe or disbelieve. The example of disbelieving Israel should prevent any casual complacency...”

TIM KELLER

**Called
to the
Gospel**



Called
to the
Gospel

“Though they were the *chosen* people, they began to think they were the *choice* people.

TIM KELLER

“Paul insists that no one can presume upon God’s grace and imagine that blessing will be theirs regardless of their continuance in faith.”

THOMAS SCHREINER

“The Gentile readers must contemplate God’s kindness and severity...they must persevere in faith. Otherwise, they too will be judged as unbelievers.”

Called
to the
Gospel

ESV STUDY BIBLE



Called
to the
Gospel

**“Only believers who persevere
in faith will be saved from
God’s wrath on the day of
judgment.”**

NIV ZONDERVAN STUDY BIBLE

“The only way we know that God’s sovereign love is upon us is that we continue; we persevere in seeking to be like Jesus until the day we meet Jesus...”

TIM KELLER

**Called
to the
Gospel**

“If that continuing disappears — if we start to live for ourselves and live in sin, or start to rely on our own performance for our relationship with God — then we will and should begin to wonder if His kindness is upon us, if we were ever chosen...”

TIM KELLER



Called
to the
Gospel

“There is no talk of ‘losing salvation’ here, only of *the revelation of counterfeits.*”

TIM KELLER

The Mystery of
God's Grand Plan:
Stages of the
Drama (11:25, 26a)

“‘Mystery’ not a secret which is known only by the initiated, but a secret which has now been openly revealed and has therefore become public truth.”

JOHN STOTT

**Called
to the
Gospel**



Called
to the
Gospel

This mystery is that through the Gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one Body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 3:6



Called
to the
Gospel

Act 1

Israel's Hardening

- 1 The rejection of Israel is not total, but partial.**
- 2 This partial rejection of Israel is not final, but temporary.**



Called
to the
Gospel

Act 2

Gentile Inclusion

“The expression ‘the fullness of the Gentiles’ represents the final result of Paul’s proclamation of the Gospel to the Gentiles. God’s purpose through that preaching is their salvation, their completion.”

F.F. BRUCE

Called
to the
Gospel



Called
to the
Gospel

Act 3

Israel's Salvation

Three Ways to Explain this Promise

NIV ZONDERVAN STUDY BIBLE



Called
to the
Gospel

- 1 God saves all His elect people, both Jews and Gentiles, as they respond in faith to God's grace throughout history.**
- 2 God saves all elect Jews as they respond in faith to God's grace throughout history.**
- 3 God will save a significant number of Jews at the end of history.**

“Salvation can be found in one place only: within the one community made up of those who believe in Jesus Christ. There is only one tree, and one becomes attached to this tree by faith — Jews and Gentiles alike.”

DOUGLAS MOO

“Whenever a Jew comes to the Lord, he makes a flaming evangel. Though Paul knew the future blessing was to come, he was trying to save Jews, which in turn would bring more Gentiles.”

ALVA J. MCCLAIN

The Culmination of
God's Grand Plan:
Promised Deliverer
(11:26b, 27)



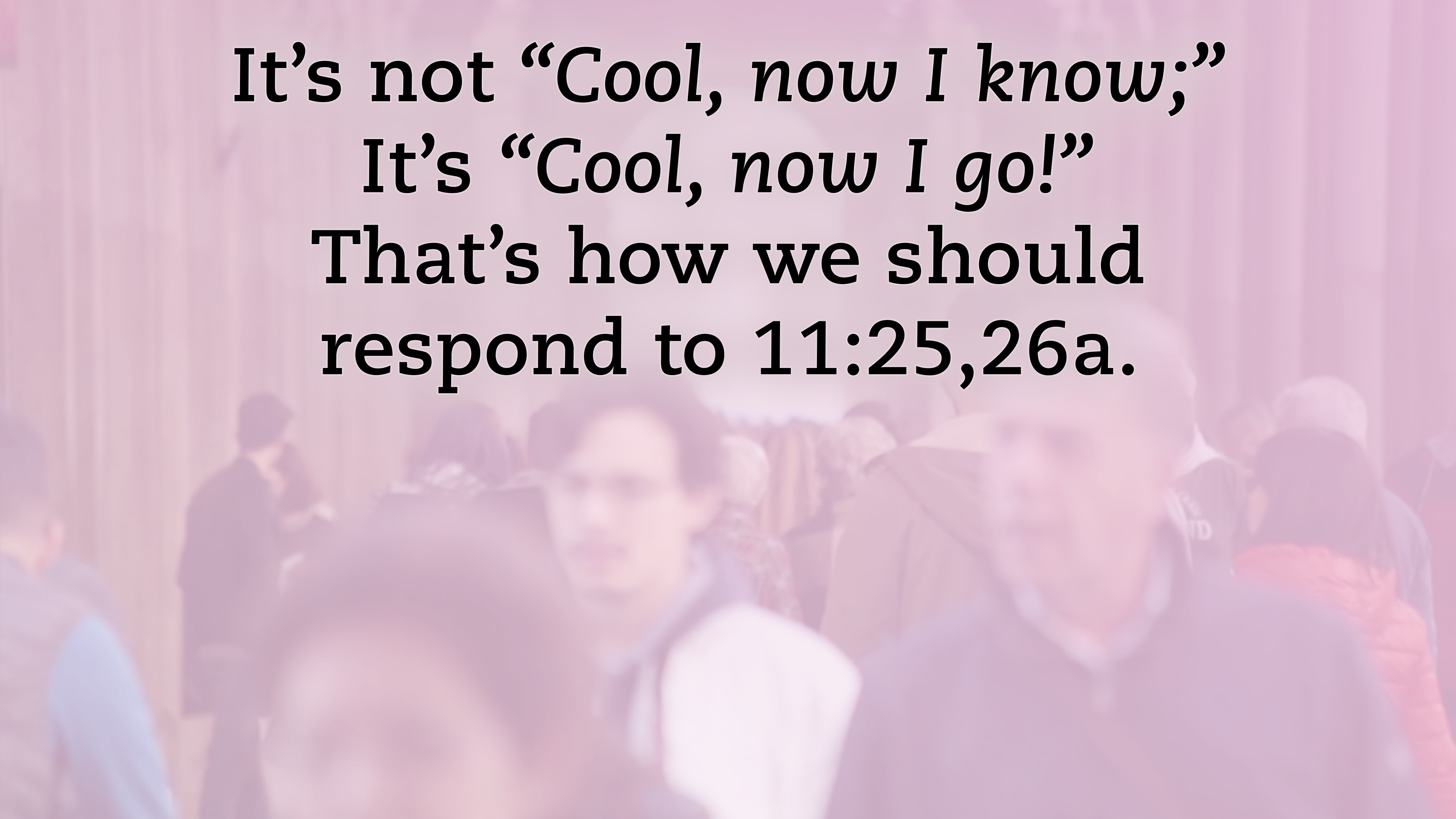
Called
to the
Gospel

Ezekiel 37:1–6, 11–14

“There is a stirring in the ‘bones’ in this Twentieth Century. Many of Israel have gone back. God cast Israel into the sea of the nations, and yet He has not cast them away. He has cast them away in the nations; but in the nations He has preserved them.”

ALVA J. MCCLAIN

**It's not "Cool, now I know;"
It's "Cool, now I go!"
That's how we should
respond to 11:25, 26a.**



It's not "Cool, now I know;"

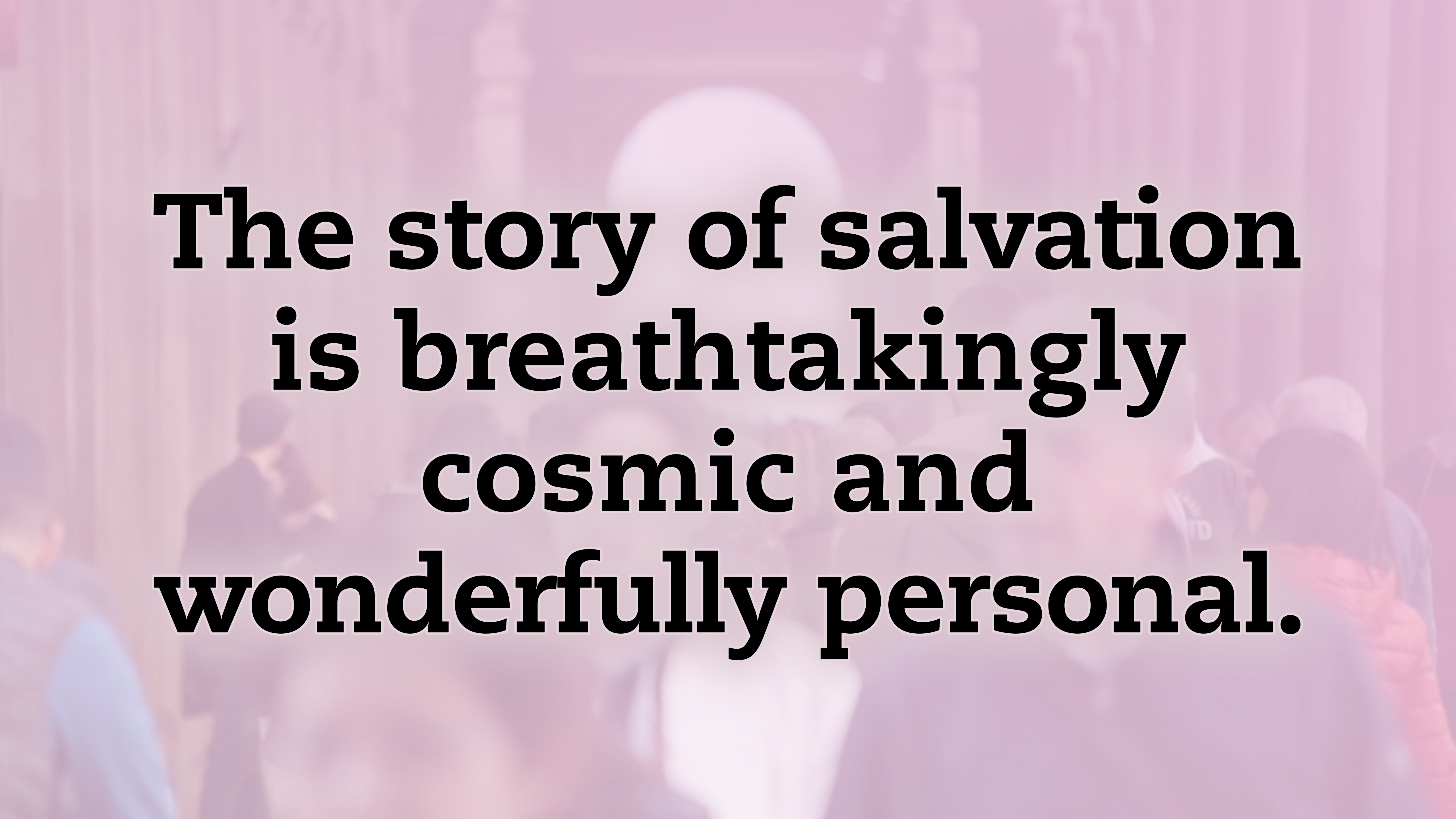
It's "Cool, now I go!"

**That's how we should
respond to 11:25,26a.**

**This current phase is the
time for the Gospel to go to
the Gentiles so that the full
number can and will come in.**

How now shall we live?

- **We should be active in bearing witness to Christ to Jews and Gentiles alike.**
- **We should be active in godly living which provoke envy on the part of unbelievers.**
- **We proclaim one way of salvation — trust in the Messiah and Lord, Jesus Christ.**



**The story of salvation
is breathtakingly
cosmic and
wonderfully personal.**





Called
to the
Gospel