

The Chiasm of Romans 11:31-32

Romans 11:31-32 is a chiasm where vocabulary in the first section is used in reverse order in the second. The center, which is being emphasized, is that because of the mercy shown to Gentiles, the Jews also may be shown mercy (v 31b-c).

A so these [Jews] also now **have been disobedient** (Greek: *apeitheō*), (v 31a)

B that because of the **mercy shown** to you [Gentiles] (v 31b)

B' **they** [the Jews] also **may now be shown mercy**.(v 31c)

A' For God has shut up all in **disobedience** (Greek: *apeitheia*)so that He may show mercy to all.(v 32)