

ARE YOU C-O-Z-Y?

Romans 11: 1-12

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Within the past few days, many in the United States have experienced below average temperatures and treacherous weather conditions. Our news media and weather forecasters have warned us to stay in and stay warm (cozy). In many cases this meant foregoing normal routines and forcing us to neglect our obligations to family, neighbors or friends. We needed to stay comfortable and safe.

The Israelites in Paul's time were feeling comfortable in their relationship with God. They began focusing on self-interest, "their eyes that could not see and the ears that could not hear." God did not turn His back on them. Because of their transgressions, the door was open to the Gentiles. Then when the Israelites turned their focus again to God, there were great riches for all.

Are we comfortable in our relationship with God? Are we focused on "self-interest"? Are we cozy in our beliefs? We need to look at "cozy" in a different way.

"C" – commune with God "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20)

"O" – step outside the box "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

"Z" – be zealous for God "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord." (Colossians 3:23)

"Y" – yield to God's will and yearn to work for Him "so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10)

Are you just "cozy" or are you striving for "C-O-Z-Y"?

Prayer: Our Father, help us each day to come closer to perfection in You. We know the path is not easy, but You are by our side at all times and in whatever endeavor we pursue. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

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