

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 9:1-13

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE CHOICE, IS IT YOURS?

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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Welcome to Romans Chapter 9

What we have before us is one of the most hotly contended chapters of the Bible. The reason being is that it challenges our human capabilities to understand or fathom the Nature of God.

If there was ever a reason as to why you should read, study and know the word of God in its entirety – this chapter demands such a discipline.

Among Scholars There Are Competing Views
and all of them deal with the Nature of God, His Sovereignty,
all based upon His Divine Person.

This section of the book of Romans begins 3 arguments divided up into 3 sub-sections. The 1st is Chapter 9 where God's past dealings with the nation of Israel are considered. Then in chapter 10 we see the 2nd Division that deals with God's present dealings with Israel and reconstruction among the nations, and 3rd, Chapter 11 deals with God's future involvement with Israel and His ultimate fulfillment of the prophetic scriptures regarding Israel.

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Foundational to us moving forward is for us to remember what we've already come to know...

Romans 8:28-30

28 And we (1) know that (2) all things (3) work together (4) for good (5) to those who love God, (6) to those who are (7) the called (8) according to His purpose. 29 (9) For whom He FOREKNEW, (10) He also predestined to be (11) conformed to the (12) image of His Son, (13) that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover (14) whom He predestined, these He also (15) called; whom He called, these He also (16) justified; and whom He justified, these He also (17) glorified.

“The Great News is that Romans 9 doesn’t make salvation more complicated – It makes it more accessible, more available to all, to anybody, to whosoever would come to God through faith in Christ.”

Romans 3:21-25a NIV

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.**

Galatians 3:26-29

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Armed with this truth - let’s take up our passage

Romans 9:1-13

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, **2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, Who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. 6 But it is not that the Word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “*In Isaac your seed shall be called.*” 8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise: “*At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.*” 10 And not only this, but when Rebekah also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac 11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, “*The older shall serve the younger.*” 13 As it is written, “*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*”**

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1.) The Scope of God's Sovereignty vs. 1-5

1a.) Includes sorrow and grief for the lost. vs. 1-2

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

”Notice with me, that Paul announces that his conscience is weighing heavily upon him, as the Spirit of God moves him to the point of having great sorrow and continual grief in his heart over the fact that his kinsmen, his ethnic brothers, and sisters, his fellow jews are resisting the salvation of God promised to them through Abraham.

Notice also, that Paul's angst isn't with God. He is not accusing God of not being fair or nice or good – Paul is sick over his brethren's refusal to come to the Light of the Gospel – It's not a Gentile thing!

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7a

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7a** Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

Genesis 15:5-6

Then the Lord brought Abram outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” **6** And Abram believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Notice here that the qualifier to being an actual descendant of Abram (Abraham) #1 Is predicated upon being accounted righteous. #2 That this “accounted” righteousness is imparted through “belief.”

Romans 3:1-4 nlt

Then what's the advantage of being a Jew? Is there any value in the ceremony of circumcision? **2** Yes, there are great benefits! First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God. **3** True, some of them were unfaithful; but just because they were unfaithful, does that mean God will be unfaithful? **4** Of course not! Even if everyone else is a liar, God is true. As the Scriptures say about him, "You will be proved right in what you say, and you will win your case in court."

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Luke 19:35-42

Then they brought him (donkey) to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. **36** And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road. **37** Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, **38** saying: " *Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!* " Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" **39** And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." **40** But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out..." **41** Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, **42** saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Matthew 23:37-39

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! **38** Behold! Your house is left to you desolate; **39** for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, "*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*" "

Remember Now – He Knows All... Yet He Wept !

Romans 8:29

For whom He FOREKNEW, He also PREDESTINED.

Ephesians 1:3-5

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, **5** having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

2 Timothy 1:9-10

(God) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, **10a** but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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THE SCOPE OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

1b.) Involves love, compassion and mercy vs. 3-4a

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4a who are Israelites,

accursed

grk: anathema

cut off or condemned, excommunication. to be vehemently denounced, the damned.

So powerful and meaningful is this lamentation of Paul's, that there's only one other person in all of the Bible who said the same thing – It was Moses.

The issue of who gets saved and who doesn't, begins to unfold here regarding the Doctrine of Election as found in the Bible.

Exodus 32:31-34

Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! 32 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin - but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." 33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. 34 Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin."

Paul's Likeness to Moses is This;

"Lord, I'm not lying when I say, please remove my name from the book of life IF it can result in my Jewish relatives, my earthly DNA being saved."

Each of us alone - are responsible for our own sins and we must deal with those sins according to the will of God = FAITH - IT'S BY FAITH IN THE MESSIAH!

Application Here

"I have not seen this level of anguished (tortured) love in this world – except in the life of a parent who's mourning for a wayward son or daughter."

(or perhaps when your child is ill – and the sicker the child, the greater the pain)

Jesus Himself gives us a Great Example of it Being Taught Here

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. **20** But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. **26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ **27** “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, **28** for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ **29** Abraham said to him, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ **30** And he said, “No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ **31** But Jesus said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

God chose to reveal Himself to Abraham, the progenitor or forefather of the Hebrew nation. To the Hebrew ethnos, God promised them a Land that they would inherit from God Himself.

God also promised that the Messiah of the World would come from the Hebrew Ethnos.

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1c.) Incorporates the full counsel of God. vs. 4b-5

:4b to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises 5a of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ {Messiah} came, Who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

Paul lists 8 arguments as to the Special Place & Calling that God has Blessed Israel with - So as to be His witnesses.

Isaiah 28:16 NLT

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes (in what? in whom?) need never be shaken.

Isaiah 43:10-11

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD (YHWH), "And My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. **11** I, even I, am the LORD (YHWH), and besides Me there is no Savior.

These are but a few of the promises given by God to the Jews, the Israelites, as the Hebrew people – the bloodline of the ethnic descendance of Abraham & Sarah – coming through the Promised child Isaac., through Whom – The Hebrew people were born.

Verse 5b

**:5b from whom, according to the flesh, Christ {Messiah} came,
Who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.**

Say What ? - - Jesus is Who ?

Philippians 2:7-11, Acts 2:11-12, Proverbs 30:4

But (He) made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. **9** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Acts 2:11-12** This is the "*Stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.*" **12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." **Proverbs 30:4** Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, If you know?

Isaiah 45:22

"Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! (jew & gentile) For I am God, and there is no other.

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