

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? – PART 2

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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The Sovereignty of God

“THE CHOICE, IS IT YOURS?”

The Choice Is Yours – But Where Did The Ability to Choose Come From?
And, where Did The Opportunity to Choose Come From? And, why Are you
Personally held Responsible for the choice you make?

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Ephesians 1:5

having **predestined** us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Ephesians 1:11

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestined** according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

The Gift of the Sovereignty of Man

Joshua 24:14-15

“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! **15** And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

1 Kings 18:21

And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

Our Text Before Us;

In Fact - the account that's before us - in all that we are reading and studying - is reduced down to One Key Factor -
And that Key Factor is the Ultimate Issue.

- It is the single most important issue in the entire Bible,
- It is also the single most important issue to the man Abraham.
- It is the single most important issue to the man Moses.
- It is also the single most important issue of The Hebrew Prophets.
- It is also the single most important issue of all the Psalmists.
- Which makes the issue - the single most important issue to Israel.
- Making the issue, the single most important issue of all, to all.

The Issue is Christ? Who is Messiah?

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."*

THE CHOICE, IS IT YOURS?

1.) The Scope of God's Sovereignty

vs. 1-5

1a.) Includes sorrow and grief for the lost.

vs. 1-2

1b.) Involves love, compassion and mercy

vs. 3-4a

1c.) Incorporates the full counsel of God.

vs. 4b-5

THE CHOICE, IS IT YOURS?

2.) The Security of God's Sovereignty

vs. 6-9

2a.) The Security of His Sovereign Word

vs. 6-7

6a But it is not that the Word of God has taken no effect.

word

grk: logos

a spectacular word (with what I call a "technicolor meaning".) the logos is the embodiment of a thought, an idea, an expression. it is the embodiment of a statement, an answer, an utterance, an appearance. It is the divine revelation of the divine thought. It is the communication of the most perfect thought, information or intelligence to another.

Revelation 1:1

The Revelation {**apokalupsis**} of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants -
- things which must shortly {quickly} take place.

And The Meaning Is...

That It Is Impossible for God's Word to Not Have an Effect.

Isaiah 55:11

So shall My **Word** be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

An important application is here for us.

The **logos** is also the cause, the message, the news, the **logos** is that which is to be spread out or proclaimed or preached or heralded – put the **logos** out and forward.

John 1:1-3,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.,14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

effect

grk: ek'pip'to

to drop off or to diminish, to fade away, to lose power, to become inefficient, to fail. (it can also be translated tesla – just kidding)

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

The Effectual Power of God’s Word is a Supernatural Power.
(it cannot be measured, but it can be witnessed)

Luke 24:44-45

Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” **45** And He (the logos) opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the (logos) Scriptures.

{This was The WORD in flesh unlocking to them The Word in Print}

The Evidence of Something being Effectual Will be Visibly Observable

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John 15:1-10,16-19

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. **9** “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love...**16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. **17** These things I command you, that you love one another. **18** “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Verse 6b

6b For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,

Why is there a distinction here - if a distinction does not exist?

(O’ because there is a distinction that exists / a division / a separation)

Romans 2:26-29

Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? **27** And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? **28** For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; **29** but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

The Reality of the Scriptures is Obvious, but –
You Must Be Willing to Have Your Eyes Opened.

What Paul is saying here is that;
The single most important thing about Israel is Christ

There are some Gentiles who have, and who will - become Believers.
And there are some Jews who have, and who will - become Believers.

Verse 7a

7a nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham;

John 8:18-19,37-44

I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.” **19** Then they {Pharisees} said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.” **37** “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. **38** I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” **39** They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. **40** But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. **41** You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father - God.” **42** Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **43** Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. **44** You are of *your* father the devil.

Verse 7b

7b
But “In Isaac (the son of promise) your seed shall be called.”

The Promise had been given to Abraham long before Isaac was ever conceived.

Simply put – The LORD responds to Belief and Faith in Him
and not to religious externals.

Religious Externals have their place so long as they are in alignment
with what is Professed to be believed.

The Stones / The Oaks / The Wells / The Places
and sometimes we need to return to them – so to be reminded of Him.

THE CHOICE, IS IT YOURS?
THE SECURITY OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

2b.) The Security of His Sovereign Promise

vs. 8

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.

John 3:1-7

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, *"Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."* **3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." **4** Nicodemus said to Him, *"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"* **5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again.'

It is God who keeps His promises – No one else is able.

I find it absolutely fascinating that when we glance over the genealogies recorded in the Old & New Testaments, frankly, it's because we really cannot see just how these names might possibly relate to us in our DNA.
That struggle is a legitimate one for us as gentiles.

It is obvious that for Israel, and for the future of Israel, those genealogies will be greatly used by God and will become very important in the coming age. But for us who are of the church, the gentile believers in Jesus Christ, there is no such genealogy.

The Believers Genealogical Record is a "One Hit Wonder."
If I may put it that way - there's only one genealogy for the believer – Jew or Gentile.

John 17:20-23

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. **22** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: **23** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

John 1:10-13

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave

the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

THE CHOICE, IS IT YOURS?
THE SECURITY OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

2c.) The Security of His Sovereign Acts

vs. 9

9 For this is the word of promise:

"At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."

This Promise Unlocks to Us an Unbelievable Well to Drink from.

The Sovereign Act of God "Selecting" or "Electing", the fact that His Promise would come through Sarah – not Hagar, but Sarah.

When Paul was speaking to the Greeks in Corinth about the Jews – He gave us a marvelous insight into what's going on....

2 Corinthians 3:14-17

But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. **15** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. **16** Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Matthew 11:28

Jesus said, ***"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."***

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, ***"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."***

John 6:37

Jesus said, ***"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."***

John 6:65

Jesus said, ***"Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."***

John 7:37

On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ***"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."***

John 5:40

Jesus said, ***"But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."***

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