

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 3

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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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?”

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?

The Sovereignty of God is Predicated upon The Love of God

Ephesians 1:4-5

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,

“The Omniscience of God -

Is that God knows all things and there is nothing that He cannot know or learn. Omniscience
The all-knowing attribute of God.”

Jeremiah 1:5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born
I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Joshua 24:15

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.”

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.

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.

PART #1 - 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

2.) The Security of God’s Sovereignty vs. 6-9

2a.) The Security of His Sovereign Word vs. 6-7

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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.

Who are The Children of the Flesh?

- They are earthly minded.
- They are recognizable over time.

Deuteronomy 32:35b

For their foot shall slip in due time; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.'

- They are proud of themselves.
- They are proud of their religion.
- They are self-dependent.
- They are comfortable with their aberrant lifestyle.

Who are The Children of God?

- They are fixated or mindful of heaven.
- They too are recognizable over time.

Hebrews 11:9-10

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; **10** for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

- They are not proud of themselves but of Him.
- They are wary of being religious.
- They are God-dependent.
- They are only comfortable when their lifestyle is God honoring.

The Promise = The Adoption = The Seed = The Children

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.

But 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 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.

Habakkuk 2:4b

The just shall live by his faith.

Numbers 23:19 NLT

God is not a man, so He does not lie. He is not human, so He does not change His mind. Has He ever spoken and failed to act? Has He ever promised and not carried it through?

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.”

Genesis 18:25c

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Sarah – The Woman. The Wife.

This Promise Unlocks to Us a Deep Well to Drink from.

“The Sovereign Act of God “Selecting” or “Electing” or “Choosing” the fact that His Promise would come through Sarah – not Hagar, but through Sarah, was all Based in His Sovereign Foreknowledge!

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."

Try This "Self-Test" Mode

John 5:40

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

THE CHOICE, IS IT YOURS?

3.) The Faithfulness of God's Sovereignty

vs. 10-13

3a.) God is Sovereign with His Calling

vs. 10-12

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."

This is a Shocker to Hear if You're Jewish.

Being The Firstborn is a Big Deal.

The choice was God's alone,

"that the purpose of God, according to election, might stand"

The response to His offer is yours to decide.

His decision was not what was expected "The Older shall serve the younger"

However, In the case of Judah, he was not the oldest son of Leah, Ruben was the Older
Genesis 49

Again, In the case of David, he was not the oldest son of Jesse, Eliab was the Older
1-Samuel 16

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

3b.) God is Sovereign in His love

vs. 13

As it is written,
"Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

This is not spoken by God out of delight or satisfaction, No!

Malachi 1:2-3a

"I have loved you," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved; **3a** But Esau I have hated.

Our stubborn, selfish, and self-centered actions wound the heart of God.

Genesis 25:29-34

Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, *"Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary."* Therefore his name was called Edom. 31 But Jacob said, *"Sell me your birthright* (the God given status of being the first in all things) *as of this day."* 32 And Esau said, *"Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"* 33 Then Jacob said, *"Swear to me as of this day."* So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way.
Thus (as in 'you see') Esau despised his birthright.

despised

heb: bazah

to hold in low esteem, to be casual with or careless about, to take for granted to the point of contempt, to see as despicable, despised, to disdain. (to be bothered by and careless about the things of God)

What God knew in advance is what these two sons
would live out in life.

"Jacob have I loved, (he was a man spiritually sensitive) but Esau have I hated (Esau was a man who cared little if at all about spiritual things)."

But take note: - This was said after these two sons had been born - they lived out their lifespans - and then died. It was afterward that it was said.

The Very Nature of God Prevails Here

1 John 4:8c-9

for God is love. **9** In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

Matthew 16:13-15

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" **14** So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Verse 13

**As it is written,
"Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."**

Ezekiel 33:11

Say to them: "As I live," says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The spiritual descendants of Abraham, those who are Israelites –
these are the true offspring of Abraham.

The spiritual descendants of Abraham, those who are gentiles –
these are the true offspring of Abraham.

Galatians 3:28-29

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.

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