



GOD'S DOING REFLECTS HIS BEING

Romans 9:14-24

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How great is the grace that saves us and continuously moving us to respond to our Lord God in humility, confidence, & praise. Everything God does reflects who His being. God is in control as we see His purposes are carried out through His choices. So we learn to trust God with who He is and what He does: this is the key to "understanding". Let us discover why God does, and does not extend mercy. In this passage, Paul anticipates objections which Jewish readers might have to his letter, it might seem unfair to some but Paul focuses on God's sovereignty and God's mercy.

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"What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! **15** For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." **16** So then it depends not on human will or exertion, [α] but on God, who has mercy. **17** For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." **18** So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. **19** You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" **20** But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" **21** Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? **22** What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **23** in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— **24** even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?"

1. Trust in God's RIGHTEOUS Act of MERCY. v 14-16

"I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." **Exodus 33:19**

- All of US are at the MERCY of God.
- God's MERCY is not in Response to the WILL of Man or the WORK of Man.

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it." **1 Corinthians 9:24**

"God owes mercy to no one, so there is no injustice when God shows no mercy."
R.C. Sproul

2. Trust in God's RIGHTEOUS Act of WRATH. (v. 17-19)

- WITHOUT the mercy of God, only WRATH is left for sinners.
- God's HARDENING is a Response to existing SINFULNESS in a person.

3. Accept God's SOVEREIGN Act by FAITH. (v. 20-24)

"But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." **Isaiah 64:8**

By faith we know that God...

- Does not CHOOSE men to become SINFUL
- Does not TEMPT men by EVIL
- Does receive GLORY in displaying His WRATH
- Does receive GLORY in displaying His GRACE

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.***