



GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE

Romans 9:9-13

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In studying Romans 9, our congregation saw the heart-felt integrity, intensity and identity of Paul. In verses 1-3, we learned first, there should be a Spirit-led awareness of yourself. If we don't learn what is God's truth & trust His Spirit, we can be easily misinformed of who we are or ignore the reality of our inner self. The Battle is won inside of us before it is won outside of us. Secondly, Paul had sincere love for lost people. He expressed pure honesty, reflecting the gracious heart of God. There was genuine concern for Israel's spiritual condition and understanding of who they are as a chosen people with unique blessings & privileges. May we, like Paul, develop intense passion for the Jews and appreciate God's sovereign choice.

"For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." Acts 2:39

Romans 9-13

*"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 Rebecca 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."*

- ISRAEL'S greatest need is to be delivered from SIN, not human oppression.

Jews do not accept Christianity because:

- 1. Jesus Christ was the Messiah**
- 2. Supersedes the Old Testament**
- 3. Salvation is open to Gentiles**

*"When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, **5** which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. **6** This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."*

Ephesians 3:4-6

“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.”

Isaiah 55:11

1. God Gives an ETERNAL PROMISE. (v. 9-13)

- God's elective purpose is because of “HIM who calls” not on WORKS. (v 11)
- ELECTION is based on God's sovereign predestinating GRACE.

2. God Gives a SOVEREIGN CHOICE. (v. 9-13)

*““I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob's brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob **3** but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.”*

Malachi 1:2-3

- God is sovereign as His PURPOSES are carried out through His CHOICES.

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.***