**Romans Chapter 9: “Choosing to Trust God’s Plan”…**

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* **God’s Plan Of Salvation Was Through Israel.**

*I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—****2****I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.****3****For I could wish that I myself were* ***cursed****and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race,****4****the* ***people of Israel.****Theirs is the* ***adoption to sonship****; theirs the divine* ***glory****, the* ***covenants****, the receiving of* ***the law****, the* ***temple worship****and the* ***promises****.****5****Theirs are the* ***patriarchs****, and from them is traced the* ***human ancestry of the Messiah****,****who is God*** *over all, forever praised! Amen.* Romans 9:1-5

### God’s Word Hasn’t FAILED Just Because People Don’t Respond.

***6It is not as though God’s word had failed.*** *For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.* Romans 9:6

**KEY Q: Has God’s Word Failed?**

***7****Nor because they are his* ***descendants*** *are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”* ***8****In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the* ***children of the promise*** *who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.****9****For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”* Romans 9:7-9

**KEY: God’s Choice Isn’t Based on Merit, Family… But On Election.**

***10****Not only that, but Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac.****11****Yet, before the* ***twins were born*** *or had* ***done anything good or bad****—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand:****12****not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”*  Romans 9:10-12

Romans 5:6-8

***13****Just as it is written: “****Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”***Romans 9:13

 [Story: Gen 25]

**KEY: Today, God Elects Us But Equally Requires Us To “Select” Jesus.**

*Predestined.* i.e. elect. the “elect of God” “God’s Choosing”. God has **predestined** to salvation.

**KEY: God Predestines Who Will Be Saved & We Must Choose Christ To Be Saved. Both facts are equally true.**

### God Preference And Plan Is “JUST”.

***14****What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all!*Romans 9:14

**KEY: God’s Election Is Grace – Not Based On What We “Deserve”.**

***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.”* ***16It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy. 18****Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and* ***he hardens whom he wants to harden****.* Romans 9:15-18

### God Made The Rules: Salvation Is Only Through FAITH By Grace.

***30****What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;****31****but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness,*

*have not attained their goal.****32****Why not? Because* ***they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works****. They stumbled over the stumbling stone.* Romans 9:30-33

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