

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Ch. 9:14-29



WHO ARE YOU, O MAN...

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Two fundamental truths of Scripture.



1. **God** is **Sovereign** over ALL Things, including salvation. He chooses whom He will save and allows others to go to their just punishment.
2. **Man** is held **responsible** for His actions. God will hold you accountable for what you do because you are responsible. Your choices are real choices and they are yours.

QUESTIONS ASKED QUESTIONS ANSWERED



1. Is there injustice with God? (v. 14)
2. Why does He still find fault? Who resists His will? (v.19)

WE WILL EXAMINE



- 1) The Grace of God in the Election of the Saints
- 2) The Justice of God in the Reprobation of the Unsaved.

Salvation is the prerogative of God

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What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,



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IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS



Election is “An act of God before creation in which He chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of His sovereign good pleasure.”*

- ✓ Eph 1:4 “Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.”
- ✓ 2 Thess 2:13 “But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”
- ✓ Acts 13:48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.”

*Systematic Theology, Wayne Grudem

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Reprobation “The sovereign decision of God before creation to pass over some persons, in sorrow deciding not to save them, and to punish them for their sins and thereby to manifest His justice.”*



- ✓ Jude 4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”
- ✓ John 12:37-40 “....For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, “HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, **SO THAT** THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM.”
- ✓ 1 Peter 2:8 and, “A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.”

1 Tim. 2:3-4 "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."



- ✓ Is this saying that God wants to save everyone but can't (Is He sovereign or not?)
- ✓ No, the "all men" here is referring to **all TYPES of men** (people)
- ✓ Every tongue, tribe, and nation.
- ✓ Context is king!
- ✓ 1 Tim 2:1 "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgiving be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority..."
- ✓ Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men"

2 Peter 3:9 ““The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”



- ✓ The context (there again) is believers.
- ✓ Paul uses “We”, “you”, “us” throughout the letter.
- ✓ There is no indication of an audience change.
- ✓ Peter is saying that God is not willing for any of His elect to perish. “Those whom I have chosen, who have not yet come to Me, must come to Me.
- ✓ Acts 18:9-10 Jesus says to Paul “...for I have many people in this city.”
- ✓ John 10:16 “...I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice and they will become one flock with one shepherd.”

Matt 23:37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."



- ✓ Who is "Jerusalem"?
- ✓ Who are the "children"?
- ✓ WHO are the "unwilling"?
- ✓ It's NOT the children but the religious leaders!
- ✓ The religious leaders are unwilling to have the people come to Christ.
- ✓ Parallels Matt 23:13 ""But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in."

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ECCLESIASTES 5:2

“Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.”



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24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. 25 As He says also in Hosea, "I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.' " 26 "AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD."

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED; 28 FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD ON THE EARTH, THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY." 29 And just as Isaiah foretold, "UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOth HAD LEFT TO US A POSTERITY, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE RESEMBLED GOMORRAH." 30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; 31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 just as it is written, "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."



JOHN 6:37



“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me,

and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.