

To the Church in Rome

God's Free Will Choice

Romans 9

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Introduction:

- As we start in **Romans 9** this morning, we will notice Paul's mood changes.
 - When Paul speaks of "*My brothers*," he is speaking of those born of Israel.
 - **John 14:5-7**
 - **Acts 2:38**
 - **Acts 4:12**
 - Salvation is conditional to the Terms of Pardon.
 - What we will see in **Romans 9** and all the way through **Romans 11**, is Paul defending the Faithfulness of God.
 - God has divided Israel into two distinct groups:
 - Physical of the Nation of Israel
 - Spiritual or Remnant Israel
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1. I Speak the Truth:

- a. **Romans 9:1-5**
- b. Paul stresses that he is telling the truth – It saddens him that many in Israel will miss eternal life with Jesus.
- c. But why? – Many do not like being lumped in with the Gentiles.
- d. They misunderstood their special purpose to mean Unconditional Guaranteed Salvation.
- e. Salvation is based on your "Free Will" choice.
- f. Salvation is found by fully surrendering to Jesus and following His Terms of Pardon:
 - i. **Salvation** is Free!
 - ii. **Salvation** is wonderful!
 - iii. **Salvation** is for everyone who desires it!
 - iv. BUT ... **Salvation** is conditional!
- g. Greek – Anathema ... English – Cursed/Cut off ... "*The object of cursing or detestation ... That which is execrated.*"
- h. But – what does that word "Execrate" mean? ... "*To utterly detest ... To abhor ... An abominate.*"
- i. **Romans 9:6**

- j. Two Distinct Israels: **One**
 - i. Israel of the Flesh – Physical, Nation of Isreal
 - ii. **Romans 3:1-2**
 - iii. **Romans 9:4-5**
- k. Two Distinct Israels: **Two**
 - i. Spiritual Israel
 - ii. **Romans 2:25-29**
 - iii. **Romans 3:21 – Romans 8:39**

2. The Mercy of God:

- a. **Romans 9:14-18**
- b. Paul asks, “Is God unjust?”
- c. **Exodus 33:19**
- d. **Exodus 9:15-16**
- e. **Jonah 3** – God send Jonah to the Ninevites
- f. **Jonah 3:9-10**
- g. **Jonah 4:1-2**
- h. **Jonah 4:10-11**
- i. **Romans 9:19**
- j. **Psalms 25:8-9**
- k. The Bible numerous times points out that God is *Fair, He is Just, He is Loving, He is Gracious, He is Merciful, He is Kind, He wants you to be with Him, and the proof of all this ...* The Cross of Calvary.
- l. **John 3:16-17**
- m. **Romans 9:25-29**

3. Faith, Not Works:

- a. **Romans 9:30-33**
- b. Jesus is the Stone the builders rejected – **Matthew 21:42**
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 - iv. **BUT ... Salvation is conditional!**
- d. What will you do with this information?