

Romans 9

Paul deals with the nation of Israel in these three chapters. In nine he speaks of how God has dealt with them in the past, chapter 10 in the present time of writing and 11 in the future. Keep in mind the foundation that Paul has laid concerning salvation by faith. If we take this chapter out of context we can get some errors in doctrine.

(Rom 1:16-19 NKJV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. {17} For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." {18} For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, {19} because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

(Rom 3:21-26 NKJV) But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, {22} even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; {23} for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, {24} being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, {25} whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, {26} to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..

God is not willing that any should perish but all come to repentance.

v.1-3 Paul reveals the heart of compassion he has for his brethren.

- *"Exodus 32:32-33 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin; but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.*

- this is exactly what Jesus does, becomes accursed so that we might be saved.

(2 Cor 5:21 NKJV) For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

v.4 What distinguishes Israel ?

1) adoption- only nation called God's son-

(Exod 4:22 [KJV])

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: And I say unto you Let my son go, that he may serve me:

& *(Deut 7:6 [KJV])*

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

2) the Glory - God's presence manifested in a physical way in the wilderness and tabernacle

3) the covenants- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David

4) the law

5) the service- priesthood ministering before God

6) the promises- land of Israel

7) the fathers- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

8) Christ the Messiah

v.6-13 Paul shows that there is a distinction between those who are born of Abraham and those who are Jews *Matthew 3:9 For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones- see Joshua 3*

v.11 election does not refer to salvation but God's purposes

v.14 is God then unrighteous because all are not treated the same way or used in the same way ?

v.15 notice that there is no negative counterpart- God doesn't say, " I will condemn whoever I choose to condemn"

- explain context of Exodus 32-34- the people sin, Moses goes to intercede to trade himself for them, God says their sin will judge them, there is nothing Moses can do to remove guilt but then in *chapter 33 God says I will have compassion on whom I will and describes His nature.*

Understand-God is not choosing some above others, He is saying that apart from His grace, no one can stand and that grace He freely gives, **the gift of God is eternal life.**

v.18 sets in their own way

v.21 honor and dishonor do not refer to worth of vessel or the end of it but to how it is used, some vessels are for drinking, others used for waste but all fulfill a purpose, the vessel in verse 21 refers to one still in the hand of the potter, the vessel in verse 22 refers to one in use in the household, that has been set

v.22 vessels prepared for destruction- ripe for destruction, fitted, ready
- *see Jeremiah 18*

- *1 Thessalonians 2:15-16 ..persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.*

v.25-29 God's plan for Israel and the Gentiles, a remnant will be saved, there will always be those in Israel who believe .
- *see Hosea 2*

v.30-33 What then is the criteria ? Whoever believes. God's sovereignty versus man's free will