



Romans 8:29-39 Mountaintop

Roman Xtians - Jews + Gentiles - are recipients of God's free, sovereign love and absolutely secure in that love based in God's predestination

Sermon on predestination "Be more curious than certain" Jenny b/c predestination ► mission

① The Anguish of Predestination



VERY IMPORTANT to follow Paul's train of thought and placement of doctrine in this most logical + doctrinal of epistles, i.e. election is not presented as a cold doctrinal fact at the outset of Gospel but a Biblical truth in response to God's love + grace! vs. Calvinistic Zealots

SECONDLY NOTICE PAUL'S ANGUISH

"great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers..." Jew's unbelief = so close, so far away

»→ Anguish is the only legitimate starting point!

Judy K's anguish... Anguish is legitimate

② The Biblical Basis of Predestination/election vs. 11

Listen to full force of Biblical case.

Why? Intellectual conversion to "God-ness of God is possible!

1. Not all Israel is Israel, 8:6

Abraham + Isaac vs. 7-9

Isaac + Rebekah vs. 10-13

Spiritual children are born by God's free, sovereign, electing love

2. God is Just in his free, ^{sovereign} salvation

Pharaoh vs. 14-15

Salvation is based in God's mercy alone, therefore He is not unjust to harden those He chooses! vs. 16-18

3. How can God find fault with me?

Who are you to talk back to God? vs. 19-20

God is Potter, we are clay vs. 20-24 Potter's right

Spurgeon's preaching on election

"Do you want to be elect?"

4. Prophet Hosea spoke of God's saving + inclusion of the Gentiles 8:25-26

5. Prophet Isaiah spoke of only a remnant of Jews being saved. 8:27-29

→ Election is not just a N.T. doctrine or a "reformed" doctrine it is Biblical doctrine!

Wait! Real downer for evangelism + global mission!
Big objections but no biblical case whatsoever

③ The Heart of Predestination/election

What shall we say? Gentiles ► Faith, Jews ► Works have stumbled on Christ 

★ No compromise of faith in Jesus, salvation through Jesus alone vs. 4

★ Paul's heart's desire + passion for his people that they would be saved 10:1 ► even to his own being accursed 9:3
► drove him to Mission Disciple Making Tool Leslie Newbigin

→ Don't proclaim predestination until you feel  anguish + passion for the lost Judy's Dad