



Talk it Over

PASTOR DAVE - ROMANS 9 – 1/4/26

KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 9:10–15 (NASB)

10 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

12 it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger."

13 Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!

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."

Exodus 34:6–7 (NASB)

6 Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished ...

START TALKING

Tell us about your Christmas.

START DISCUSSING

JACOB WAS CHOSEN

Read Romans 9:10-11

God chose Jacob and not Esau. Paul spells out that the reason God chose Jacob had nothing to do with Jacob. It was because God decided to, his choice, his purpose.

Discuss the following eight phrases and how each phrase gives a certain nuance to the choice.

- 1 - for though the twins
- 2 - were not yet born
- 3 - and had not done anything
- 4 - good or bad,
- 5 - so that God's purpose
- 6 - according to His choice would stand,
- 7 - not because of works
- 8 - but because of Him who calls,

NO INJUSTICE WITH GOD

Read Romans 9:12-15

Paul is answering the question "Is God's choice of Jacob fair?" He makes the strong statement, "There is no injustice with God."

Take some time to talk about the difference between "fair" and "just." These words may have overlap, but they are different. Hint: the Greek word can be translated "unrighteous" and is in the KJV.

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE

Read Romans 9:15 and Exodus 34:6-7

Paul references Exodus 34:6-7 when he writes, "For He says to Moses." This is the first time God describes himself.

Take some time to talk about the difference between each word in the Exodus passage: compassionate — gracious — slow to anger — abounding in lovingkindness — truth — lovingkindness — forgives

GOD IS BEYOND UNDERSTANDING, BUT WE CAN KNOW HIM

Pastor Dave said that while God is in many ways beyond our understanding, we are able to know him.

Read the following verse and commit to praying for each other.

Ephesians 1:17 (NLT) asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. Would you commit to pray for each other to grow in knowing Christ?