



## PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS – Beloved Sons of the Living God Community Group Study Guide Romans 9:24-33 – Week of September 11, 2022

### 1. Beloved Sons of the Living God

Those who are Christians are so because God has called them. He has loved them, forgiven them, and has adopted them into His family. The entire process of has transpired because God has willed it to be so. The blessing of adoption has fallen on those whom God has given it to. This gift that is given transforms our entire identity. We are no longer slaves to sin or sons of disobedience. God's redemption has made us slaves to righteousness and co-heirs with Christ. The most important attribute that now describes us is that God loves us. This adoption is what satisfies our soul. So, rejoice, because we are beloved sons of the living God!

### 2. Only a Remnant will Remain

God has only saved those whom He has called. God has decided to love who He will love, and who He will not. God will always save a remnant of His people, a portion that He will call to Himself. A harsh truth for us to understand is that only a minority of people will be saved. The gate of salvation is narrow, and many will not enter it. This is why Jesus encourages us to strive for the narrow gate, to repent during the day of salvation... because one day the gate will be closed. Those who look in from the outside will desire to come in, but will be Jesus will turn them away.

### 3. Don't Stumble over Saving Grace

We must avoid the temptation to stumble over the free grace of God. The Israelites struggled with the Gospel, because it took no account for their works. In contrast, the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness in their works, were able to obtain it through faith in Jesus Christ. For the Gentiles, the grace of God became a cornerstone; for the Jews, a stumbling block. Humble yourself. Don't stumble over Grace.

### DISCUSSION GOALS

#### Head

That God has chosen to adopt us. He has done this by His will for His purpose. We are no longer enemies, but beloved sons of God

#### Heart

We should rejoice that God has called us to Himself. Furthermore, we should see our identity in Christ, not in our old selves. Beyond that, we should continue to grow in the amazement of God's grace, and the humbling of our righteousness

#### Hands

We are to act like the beloved sons that we are. We are called to obey all the commandments God has given us.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership 101  
Sept 18 @ 1pm

\*One Service Only\*  
Sept 25 @ 9:15

## Read Romans 9:24-33

1. Who are you? How would you describe yourself? How does your description illuminate your view of your identity?
2. As Christians, we have a new identity in Christ. What is that? What is gained by the identity? What is lost by it?
3. Jan mentioned that in our culture, we think that God loves everyone equally. What is wrong with that perspective? What are the consequences of incorrectly thinking about the love of God?
4. What does Paul mean by “If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah?” How does this change the way we look at ourselves and our role in the world around us?
5. **Read Luke 13:22-30** What do we learn from Jesus’s response to the question? What ways might this teaching stir up motivation in us?
6. Why is the grace found in the Gospel a stumbling block? Why are we offended by this? What is the proper rebuke for our hearts when we feel offended?
7. Why is it so important that our identity is built on grace? How does grace shape your identity?
8. Romans 9 might be one of the most potent chapters in changing the way you look at God. Reflecting on the last few weeks, how has God corrected your thinking of Him through this Chapter?