

GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN

ROMANS 9:1-13

7/13/25

I. PAUL'S HEART

Romans 9:1-3 - "I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

A. Honest concern

B. Human choice

II. ISRAEL'S IMPORTANCE

Romans 9:4-5 - "They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen."

The Sovereignty of God exists outside of human choice and understanding!

III. GOD'S PLAN

In these verses we see two things we hold onto when we don't understand what God is doing.

A. We hold onto His promises

Romans 9:6-8 – "...not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' ⁸This means that it is **not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise** are counted as offspring."

B. We hold onto God's purpose.

Romans 9:10-13 - "And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹²she was told, 'The older will serve the younger.' ¹³As it is written, 'Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.'"

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the sermon this week? What stood out or challenged your thinking?
2. Who are the people in your life that your heart breaks for that you want to see get saved? What are you doing about it?
3. Why is Israel still important?
4. Is there a situation right now in your life that all you can do is to trust in the sovereignty of God? Do you find comfort from God's sovereignty?
5. In what practical ways are you holding onto the promises and purposes of God?
6. Share with the group a time when you didn't understand the way something worked out the way you thought it should and how you trusted God with it.