



YOU DIDN'T EARN THIS
GOSPEL LIFE: ROMANS SERIES: EPISODE 11 OF 19
Romans 9:1-18

📖 ROMANS STRUCTURE

Sin (1–3) **Salvation (4–5)** **Sanctification (6–8)**
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KEY TRUTH: 🖱️ **SALVATION IS NOT ACHIEVED—IT IS RECEIVED**

1. THE PAIN OF LOST PEOPLE 9:1–5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit... 9:1

I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 9:2

For I could wish that I myself were accursed... for the sake of my brothers... 9:3

PAUL IS TALKING ABOUT ISRAEL 9:4–5

- THEY WERE GIVEN THE ADOPTION AS GOD'S PEOPLE
- THEY SAW GOD'S GLORY
- THEY RECEIVED THE COVENANTS
- THEY WERE GIVEN THE WRITTEN LAW
- THEY WERE GIVEN THE PROMISES
- THEY CAME FROM THE PATRIARCHS
- AND THROUGH THEM, ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, CAME CHRIST

🖱️ **THEY HAD EVERYTHING SPIRITUALLY—AND STILL MISSED JESUS**

2. THE PATTERN OF GOD'S PROMISE 9:6–13

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel. 9:6

EXAMPLE 1: ISAAC, NOT ISHMAEL 9:7–9

Through Isaac shall your offspring be named. 9:7

This 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. 9:8

For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." 9:9

🖱️ **God's promise is not based on where you come from—but on His calling**

EXAMPLE 2: JACOB, NOT ESAU 9:10–13

Though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad...in order that God's purpose of election might continue... 9:11

The older will serve the younger. 9:12

Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated. 9:13

3. THE BASIS OF GOD'S MERCY 9:14–18

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? 9:14

By no means! 9:14

I will have mercy on whom I have mercy... 9:15

So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 9:16

🖱️ **SALVATION IS NOT ABOUT TRYING HARDER**

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EXAMPLE: PHARAOH 9:17

For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you... 9:17

So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. 9:18

☞ **God is:**

- **SOVEREIGN- GOD RULES OVER ALL THINGS AND NOTHING HAPPENS OUTSIDE HIS WILL**
- **JUST- GOD ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS RIGHT**
- **Intentional**

☞ Truth: If mercy could be earned, it wouldn't be mercy

🔥 **You didn't earn this... and that's exactly why you can trust it**

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