

Romans 9 – 24 January 2021

“What Happened To Israel Being Saved?”

Introduction

*Paul wrote to the Roman church the greatest document on our salvation that there is

*Rom 1-8 describes our natural unrighteous state and the solution of believing that the cross of Christ paid on way into a right relationship with God

*Rom 9-11 Paul turns his attention to Israel

*Rom 12-end is the application of righteousness to all the arenas of our life

*In chap 9-11 Paul looks chronologically at Israel

Chap 9 – What happened to Israel all being saved?

Chap 10 – What’s their condition now?

Chap 11 – What will be Israel’s end state?

We’ll see 4 factors regarding why all Israel isn’t saved today

1st Reason all Israel isn't saved today: **Being is a special position doesn't save you (Vs 1-5)**

Read Vs 1-3

1. Chap 8 just comes off the heights of the joy of being in relation with God
2. Now Paul is reminded of his countrymen
 - a. Even though Paul was called to Gentiles
 - b. He truly wants Israel saved
3. This is true love: wishing to be accursed so that Israel could be saved.
 - a. This isn't just lip-service, Paul went back to Jerusalem & was arrested!!
 - b. Only 2 others said this (Including Moses)
 - c. Only 1 other person was capable & actually did this (Jesus)
4. Vs 2 – Do you have this mind for some folks?

Read Vs 4-5

1. Look at the special position of Israel
 - a. Given the adoption (God's 1st born son)
 - b. Given the glory (Cloud: day & Fire: night)
 - c. Given the covenants (Abe, Isaac & Jacob)
 - d. Given the Law (God's perfect standard)
 - e. Given service of God (Tabernacle relation)
 - f. Given promises (Nation, Land & Messiah)
 - g. Given the Messiah (Not just the promise, but the fulfillment of Him coming!)
2. Here's the thing, being blessed w/ a special position, knowledge or promise doesn't save you.
 - a. Shows their importance to God, but not salvation.
 - b. Shows their opportunity before God, but not their righteousness before God
3. Many say, "I was born an American, therefore I have a special relationship w/ God"
 - a. This means you have great opportunity to know God, but you still have to come to Him!!

2nd Reason all Israel isn't saved today: **God sovereignly chose some (Vs 6-21)**

Read Vs 6-8

1. Vs 6 – Some of Israel has believed in Word of God
 - a. What God wanted for Israel, not all of Israel grabbed on to.
2. Vs 7 – The “Seed of Abraham” isn't all of Abraham's kids...just some.
3. Vs 8 – Abe's son Isaac was of promise.
 - a. Abe's son Ishmael wasn't of the promise
4. Paul's showing that it's always been that just some of them have come to salvation, not all
5. Why was Isaac accepted but not Ishmael?
 - a. It was God's choosing
 - b. God chose thru Sarah not Hagar

Read Vs 10-13

1. Younger Isaac was chosen, not elder Esau
2. God's choosing is His grace b/c all deserve wrath
3. God blessing some is more than they deserve

4. Some get so worked up over God choosing
 - a. We still have a choice, but He already knows everything that will happen
 - b. A parade
 - i. We're in the standing watching the parade from a certain perspective in time
 - ii. God is above it all watching the end and the beginning at the same time!
5. Some say, "Well did He choose to grace me?"
 - a. Why don't you choose to accept His grace and become a believer and I'll tell you!
 - b. Read Eze 33:11 – "I have no pleasure..."

Read Vs 14-16

1. Vs 15 doesn't say God will have wrath on whom He will have wrath. (but the opposite)
 - a. We have wrath on us of our own doing!
 - b. He's looking to place mercy on people!!

2. God isn't wrong to grace some
 - a. B/c we all deserve hell
 - b. Mercy & grace is extra (Read Matt 20:1-16)

Read Vs 17-18

1. B/c God knows whom will harden their heart against Him, He speeds up the process as He did with Pharaoh
 - a. Scripture says both Pharaoh & God hardened Pharaoh's heart
2. Pharaoh was one that was already going to harden his heart against God; whether he was a two-bit farmer or the ruler of the land
3. God's used someone like Pharaoh to spread God's glory so even more could get saved (Rahab)

Read Vs 19-21

1. Why isn't all Israel being saved since Jesus?
 - a. God has the right to do w/ His as He pleases
 - b. Can you accept that? He knows all, I don't
 - c. This leads us to the next point

3rd Reason all Israel isn't saved today: **God's using their fall to get glory in those that come (Vs 22-29)**

Read Vs 22-24

1. God is enduring unbelievers to show His power thru those that do turn to Him
2. Read II Pet 3:9 – He's longsuffering
3. God is willing to put up with the unbelievers to bring mercy to even more people
 - a. Parable of the Wheat & the Tares says such

Read Vs 25-26

1. Hosea prophesied the calling of others to glory
2. It's not just more people being prophesied to come...it's Gentile people prophesied to come!

Read Vs 27-29

1. Vs 27-28 Isaiah prophesied that there are some in Israel being saved...not all.
2. Vs 29 Isaiah says the remnant of saved Israel are preserving the rest of Israel

4th Reason all Israel isn't saved today: **Salvation has always come by faith in God's Messiah (Vs 30-33)**

Read Vs 30-31

1. The question here is: How could the Gentiles, who didn't seek God, be saved, but Israel, who sought God, didn't get saved?
 - a. Jews were trying to do good
 - b. Gentiles weren't even trying to do good
2. This is the wrong way to look at salvation
 - a. Man has never attained righteousness by attempting to be good
 - b. Paul says he realized that his own self-made righteousness was to God as filthy rags

Read Vs 32-33

1. Faith in God's Christ has always been the way to righteousness!
2. Read Isa 28:16 – Jesus is the chief cornerstone
 - a. W/o the motivation of faith, doing some works of the Law are meaningless

Conclusion

So how do we understand the facts that Israel was God's chosen people yet not many have come to him for salvation?

- 1. Being is a special position doesn't save you**
 - a. There are those that are very special to us, but they're not automatically saved; reach them
- 2. God sovereignly chose some**
 - a. We damned ourselves & He choose to bless some
- 3. God's using their fall to get glory in those that come to salvation**
 - a. God is putting up w/ sin to have more come before He brings His rightful judgement
- 4. Salvation has always come by faith in God's Messiah**
 - a. Israel was given greater chances than others, but all have always needed to come by faith.

This is Israel's past, stay tuned for Rom 10 in which we'll see their present & Rom 11 in which we'll see their future!