

1. Intro

- In chapters 1-8, Paul masterfully laid out God's plan of salvation and the new covenant between God and mankind that Jesus came to put into motion.
- But Paul knew there were questions in the church in Rome about the change from God working originally among the Jews, but now it seemed he was working among the Gentiles more.
- Summary of Romans 9-11
 - Ch. 9: God prepared Israel for Messiah, but Israel missed Him when He came.
 - Ch 10: Paul appealed to unbelieving Israel and all unbelievers.
 - Ch 11: God still has a future plan for Israel.
- In Romans 9, Paul will:
 - express his deep grief for unbelieving Israel,
 - challenge 2 wrong beliefs they had about God's plan of salvation,
 - defend the fairness of God (to save anyone who comes to Him according to His predetermined plan of salvation, while rejecting anyone who doesn't),
 - reject the idea that mankind does not have personal responsibility regarding salvation,
 - point to OT prophecies that showed Gentiles were also included in God's plan of salvation.
 - conclude that God's plan of salvation centers entirely on faith. The 1st century Gentiles "got it", but the Jews didn't.
- Today, we'll see that God is sovereign and has chosen a plan of salvation. He will justly show mercy and save anyone who comes to him according to His plan - which is to trust in Jesus alone for salvation.

2. Text

Romans 9:30-33

- Paul explains that the Gentiles were made right with God because they **trusted** God's plan of salvation through Jesus. The Jewish people didn't succeed at being made right with God because they tried to keep the Law instead of **trusting** in Jesus.

Romans 9:1-5

- Paul had sorrow and unending grief for his fellow **Jewish** people because the majority of them rejected Jesus as the Messiah; and thus, they were still guilty of their sins and faced God's judgment.

Romans 9:6-9

- **Incorrect belief #1:** Abraham's **physical** descendants are all automatically children of God and saved from God's judgment.
 - Abraham had multiple children, but the promise of the future leader of his family went to Isaac alone. In the same way, the promise of salvation doesn't go to all Abraham's descendants.
 - Paul's point was... Salvation doesn't come through the blood line of Abraham.

Romans 9:10-13

- **Incorrect belief #2:** God's promise of salvation is based on people's good or bad **works**.
 - Paul's point was this: in the same way that God's choice for choosing Jacob instead of Esau had nothing to do with good works, neither does God's plan of salvation have anything to do with good works.
 - When God says he "loved Jacob and rejected/hated Esau", it is in regard to inheriting the leadership of Abraham's family. Jacob got it, not Esau.

Romans 9:14-18

- God is completely **fair** and **just** when he chooses to extend mercy only to those who come to him for salvation according to His plan, which is by faith.

Romans 9:19-24

- Paul was saying God's plan (of salvation) never takes away human **responsibility** to respond to it.
 - **2 Peter 3:9** God is being patient, doesn't want any to perish, but all to repent.

Romans 9:25-29

- **Gentiles**, who were not God's people, will be called 'children of the living God', but only a **remnant** of Israel will be saved and be His children.