

The Road to Rome
Lessons from Israel
Discover Church
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“The people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.” Romans 9:4-5

- God makes His **choice** because He is **sovereign**

“It is not as though God’s word had failed.” Romans 9:6

God is God and gets to make God decisions

Abraham ----- Isaac ----- Jacob

- **Beware** of a **hard heart** against God

“Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.” Romans 9:18

Warning Signs of a Hard Heart

- Disobedience
- Taking God’s blessing for granted
- Rebellion and Discontent
- Rejecting a deserved rebuke
- Failing to respond

Avoiding A Hard Heart

- Relying on God’s **Mercy**

“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” Romans 9:15

- Embracing God’s **Purpose**

“But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?” Romans 9:20-21

- Thanking God for His **Patience**

“What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his

mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?” Romans 9:22-24

- Living in God’s **Power**

“For Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” Romans 9:17

“What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.” Romans 9:30-33

The Big Solution

1. Christ is the **culmination** to righteousness

“Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.” Romans 10:4

2. See how to be **saved**

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

3. The promise of **salvation**

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13

4. **Live** it and **Say** it

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” Romans 10:14-15, 17

“All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.” Romans 10:21

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! “Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?” “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.” Romans 11:33-36

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Scripture: *Romans 9; Romans 10; Romans 11:33-36*