



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know us better, please visit the welcome table at the back.

Nursery and Kids' Church are available — parents, please sign-in your children at the table by the nursery.

Ladies, please join us for a **Silent Retreat**, Aug 18, 8:30 to 12:30. This will be a time to unplug from the world and hear what God is saying to us.

Food Drive today.

Men, please join us for **Breakfast and Workday** will be on Aug 20 at 8:30 am.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
 - Giving box on Sundays
 - Mail a check to the church
- Giving Snapshot (through July)**
- Budgeted giving \$198,333
 - Actual giving \$186, 333

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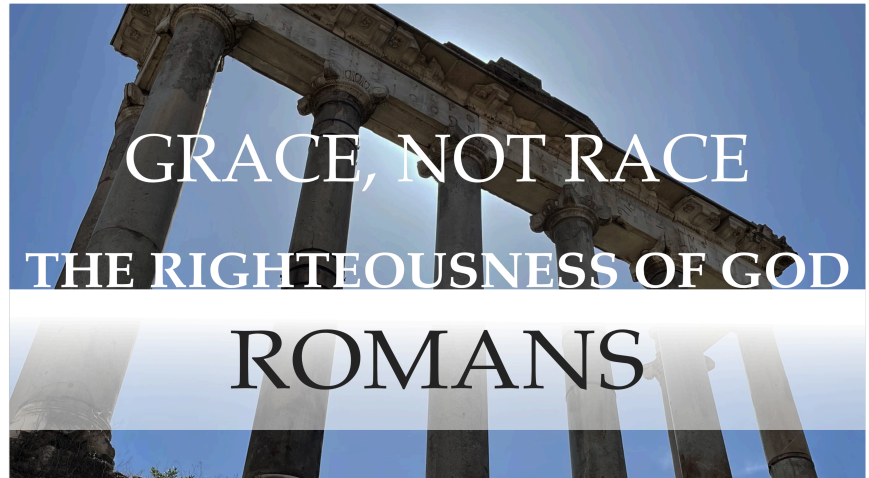
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Romans 9:6-29

Context: Paul begins with a **LAMENT** expressing his great sorrow and willingness to be accursed for the sake of his brethren Israel who have been blessed with unique spiritual privileges (9:1-5).

Big Idea: Israel's present unbelief and alleged rejection by God seem to undercut both the power of the gospel and the faithfulness of God (9:6-11:32).

Paul responds by addressing 4 major issues/questions...

• **ISSUE/QUESTION #1** (Implied): Does this mean God's Word and the gospel have failed? (**9:6-29**)

GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Overview of the book of Romans:

- **Chapters 1-4** — how the righteous God legally declares we who are unmistakably unrighteous righteous (justification by faith – how does that happen?)
- **Chapters 5-8** — how the righteous God gives hope and unshakable confidence in any circumstance to all He has declared righteous through faith.
- **Chapters 9-11** — how the righteous God has planned for the Jews (and for the Gentiles – he’s been making this distinction, as he’s writing to a congregation that has Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians mixed).
- **Chapters 12-16** — how the righteous God empowers all those He has declared righteous through faith to express their unique relationship with Him in and through their daily lives.

God’s Sovereign Choice (Rom. 9:1–29)

1. Paul is about to share some hard truths. Note first his tone and disposition in Romans 9:1–3. How would you describe it? What impact ought this tone have on our reading of the hard things ahead?
2. Why does Paul anticipate the inquiry about God’s word failing (Romans 9:6)? Why might someone, especially a Jew, ask this?
3. According to Romans 9:8, how is it that one becomes a child of God?
4. If God is love (1 John 4:8), what might it mean that God “hated” Esau (Romans 9:13)?
5. According to Romans 9:17, what is God’s purpose in his sovereign acting? What are some other biblical examples of this?
6. What is the common thread that Paul sees between the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Pharaoh?