

August 12th – God’s Irrevocable Blessings

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”
(Romans 11:29)

When Christians think about the nation of Israel and Jews in particular, our hearts break because the majority of Jews have refused to receive Jesus as their Messiah. And yet, Paul said that God has used Israel’s unbelief to extend God’s salvation to the Gentiles. While many Jews have rejected God’s grace by refusing to place their faith in Jesus, it doesn’t mean that God has discarded the nation of Israel. Paul helps us understand that our God remains faithful even when His people are unfaithful.

Today’s verse is some of the best news in Scripture – “the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” When we think about the gifts of God, there are too many to mention. In this case, it seems that Paul’s focus is the gift of salvation. Earlier in Romans, Paul said, “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (6:23). Salvation is the greatest gift of all and based on these words of Paul it is an irrevocable gift – you can’t lose your salvation!

What does Paul mean by “the calling of God?” In this case, it seems clear Paul is talking about God’s sovereign call of the Jews to be His chosen people. The gift of salvation is an irrevocable gift available to the nation of Israel, and Israel has an irrevocable call to be the people of God. Even Gentiles like us can find so much hope in this promise! If the Lord has called you to salvation and you’ve received the gift of His grace through faith in Jesus, your place in the family of God is eternally secure!