

A marble bust of a man with curly hair and a beard, wearing a draped garment, sits atop a fluted column. The background is a light blue, marbled texture.

ROMANS

The Gospel According to Paul

Election and the Remnant

Rom. 9:19-33

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- Context: Paul, 57 AD, speaking into the Jewish/Gentile division in the Roman church
- Election: Who receives the promises of God?
 - *Not ALL! Then who, and how, and why?
 - The ones upon whom He has mercy
 - God's Sovereignty & Man's responsibility

Romans 9:19-22

- Election: Can be confusing! But it is not a purely Pauline construction...

Mal. 1:2-3 “*Jacob have I loved, but Esau I have hated*”

Deut. 29:29 “*The secret things belong to the Lord...*”

John 13:18 “*I do not speak to all of you. I know the ones I have chosen*”

C. H. Spurgeon was once asked if he could reconcile these two truths to each other. “I wouldn’t try,” he replied; “I never reconcile friends.” Friends?—yes, friends. This is the point that we have to grasp. In the Bible, divine sovereignty and human responsibility are not enemies. They are not uneasy neighbors; they are not in an endless state of cold war with each other. They are friends, and they work together .

-J.I. Packer

Romans 9:19-22

- 3 Questions: (v6) Did God's Word Fail? (v 14) Is God unjust? (v19) How can the Lord hold accountable those whom He hardened?
- Jer. 18:1-6 The Potter and the clay
- Luke 1:18-20; 34,38 "*How can this be?*"

Romans 9:23-29

- The Elect Remnant: Come from *both* Jews and Gentiles, as has been foretold!

*Hosea 1:10, 2:23

-The Lord will marry back faithless Israel
AND add Gentiles to their number.

*Is. 8:14, 28:16

-Not “arrogance” but “humility”

Romans 9:30-33

Righteousness: literally, “set right with” God

- Gentiles: Righteousness by FAITH, not works
- Jews: Righteousness by LAW, but unattainable

They “*stumbled over the stumbling stone*” v.32

“ The Jew sought to put God in his debt; the Gentile was content to be in God’s debt. The Jew believed he could win salvation by doing things for God; the Gentile was lost in amazement at what God had done for him. The Jew sought to find the way to God by works; the Gentile came by the way of trust. ”

-Barclay, p. 134

How is it with you?

- **Are you likewise “lost in amazement” at what God has done for you? Praise the Lord! Respond to Him, ask Him to be your Savior!**
- **Are you impressed with your “good behavior”? Watch out. The Fruit of a life given to Jesus will always produce Humility and Love!**