

**Romans 12:12 (ESV): Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.**

**ROMANS 9:1-26**

**From Pastor Joe**

Throughout this passage Paul using the word **mercy** repeatedly. Spend time meditating, pondering, and discussing this word.

For who (whom) do you have the love that Paul has (had) for the Jewish People? Just how big is your God (god)?

**From Tommy Nelson**

In verses 4-5 what belongs to the Israelites? (7 things)

Verse 6 states that they are not all Israel who descended from Israel. Who are they that are not blessed?

Does being a child of Abraham give you all the spiritual promises of God? Verse 7.

In verse 7 which son's descendants are the blessings for?

Verse 10 is another illustration of God choosing. Who are the 2 sons?

In verse 11 why was one saved?

Whom did God love and whom did He hate (not put blessing on)?

On whom will God have mercy and compassion?

In verse 17 who did God use to show His power?

In verse 22 what is one way God makes His power known?

According to verse 23 why doesn't God take all sinners out now?

**From Teaching Romans- Christopher Ash**

How does Paul make it clear that his grief is very deep (vv. 1, 2)?

What is it that grieves him so deeply (v. 3)?

List the privileges of Paul's fellow Jews (vv. 4, 5).

Why does Paul say that Christ comes from them, rather than belongs to them (as the other privileges) (v. 5)?

What does Paul mean by claiming that God's word has not failed? What word? Why might people think it had failed (v. 6a)?

Put verse 6b into your own words.

Read Genesis 15–21. How does the example of Isaac and Ishmael support Paul's point (vv. 7–9)?

Read Genesis 25:19–34. How does the example of Jacob and Esau develop Paul's point (vv. 10–13)?

Read Exodus 32–34. How does the quotation in verse 15 develop Paul's point (vv. 14–16)?

Why was Pharaoh raised up and hardened as king of Egypt (vv. 17, 18)?

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How does Paul answer the objection that people can't help being hardened (vv. 19–21)?

Why did God overcome Pharaoh so slowly and patiently, and how is this same purpose of God being seen today (vv. 22–29)?

**In what ways can we be religious without being genuinely Christian?**

**How much does it grieve us when we see unbelief in members of our family, our neighbours, work colleagues, etc?**

**Why do we find it difficult to accept that God makes Christians?**

What difference will the truths of this chapter make to how we relate to those we find difficult in church?

How will the sovereign grace of God motivate us for evangelism as a church?

***From Mark Driscoll***

Since Paul quotes Genesis 25, read it.

Since Paul quotes Malachi 1, read it.

In the end, a person's salvation is either chosen by Satan, the person, some other person, or God. Why is it good that it is ultimately God who chooses?

Do you truly share Paul's heart for lost people to meet Jesus Christ that is on display in Romans 9:1-5?

List some good reasons you don't want to spend all of your time in Romans 9 small groups driving around the cul-de-sac of Calvinism versus Arminianism arguing, fighting, and talking about God's love and grace without being loving and gracious?

Since people who differ on this issue will live together peaceably in Heaven, why is it important to unite around primary issues without dividing over secondary issues? **As you look back at how you became a Christian, how do you see that God was pursuing you and chose you before you responded from your new heart empowered by the Holy Spirit given to you by God for faith?**

Since God is sovereign over the means and ends of salvation, who can you be praying for, speaking to, buying a Bible for, and inviting to church so they meet Jesus?

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