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Romans Road to Recovery / Mercy / Romans 9:1–13

We should not trust in our heritage, works, or effort for salvation, but humbly submit to and find our hope in God's unchanging, sovereign grace.

Notes

10/26 Rom. 9:1-18, "God's Word Does Not Fail," Subtitle: The Unstoppable Mercy of God, Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-26

God's faithful promises cannot be broken by unbelief, guaranteed by birthright, or secured by obedience, it is based solely on His sovereign, eternal plan and choice to demonstrate His loving grace toward us, according to His eternal purpose.

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The only sacrifice that can save us is that of Jesus Christ's (Rom. 9:1-3)

- Only Christ's compassion can save us (vv. 1-2)
- ++Only Christ can take our punishment (v. 3)

God's faithful promise is not guaranteed by the sincere compassion of those who love us. It is only guaranteed by Jesus Christ. He is over all - God, who is blessed forever.

No privilege of this life can save us apart from Jesus Christ (Rom. 9:4-5, Seven blessings that did not save Israel)

1. Adoption as the children of God (Exod 4:22; cf. Hos 11:1)
2. ++The presence of God's divine glory (Exod 13:21; 16:7, 10; 24:17; 40:34; 1 Kings 8:11)

3. ++God covenants with them (Gen 15:18; Exod 19:5; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Jer. 31:31-34)
4. ++The Law (Deut. 5:1-22; Ps 147:19)
5. ++Temple Worship
6. ++They were descendants of the great patriarchs (Matt. 1:1-16; Rom 1:3; 9:5)
7. ++In the flesh, the forefathers of Christ (Micah 5:2-4)

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God's purpose according to His Choice will stand (Rom. 9:6-13)

- Those who are born of the promise are the children of God (vv. 6-8)
- ++God calling us to come to Him is what saves us (vv. 9-11)
- ++God's favor is based on His will, not our merit. We do not earn God's love He just chooses to give it to us (vv. 12-13)

God's faithful promise is not guaranteed by us earning it or deserving it. It is only guaranteed by Jesus Christ. He is over all - God, who is blessed forever.

Since Jesus Christ is over all - God, who is blessed forever, His Word — His promise will not fail.

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Since we have not been saved by our good works, we cannot be lost by our bad works. Grace means salvation completely apart from any merit or works on our part. Grace means that God does it all for Jesus' sake! Our salvation is the gift of God.

Warren W. Wiersbe

| The grace of God does not find men fit for salvation, but makes them so.

| **Saint Augustine of Hippo**

| Perfection demands perfection; that is why salvation must be by grace, and why works are not sufficient.

| **Donald Grey Barnhouse (American Minister)**

10th Presbyterian Church in Philly

| Sovereign grace can make strangers into sons.

| **Charles Spurgeon**

God's Word does not fail

| We are called to see that the Church does not adapt its thinking to the horizons that modernity prescribes for it but rather that it brings to those horizons the powerful antidote of God's truth.

| **David Wells**

What is the answer to the struggles of this life? Jesus Christ is

How can we survive the politics of our present day? Through Jesus Christ

Where can we find satisfaction and purpose in life? Only in Jesus Christ

How can we be sure of our destiny? By trusting in Jesus Christ

What can we do with the shame of our choices in this life? Give them to Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the way the truth and the life, no man comes unto the Father, but by [Him]

Is God calling you to Himself? Trust in Jesus Christ, promised in the Bible to come from Israel to save the world. Trust the Bible, God's Word, for it will not fail.

You are not a child of God because you are born into this world, because you are a

good enough person, or because of some other person's great love. You are a child of God because of God's great love for you, who calls you to Himself according to His purpose.

Are you a child of God? If so, it is because of Jesus Christ.

Do you want to be a child of God. Then trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you want to know how to become a child of God, then trust God's Word, for it will not fail.