



Series: Live by Faith

Title: The Patient Power of God Displayed

Scripture: Romans 9:19-29

Oct. Scripture Memory: *"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."* Romans 10:1

Law of Hermeneutics:

1. Let Scripture interpret Scripture.
2. Context is crucial.
3. The plain things are the main things and the main things are the plain things.
4. The original language, grammatical structure, and historical setting are primary in understanding the text.
5. The goal of interpretation is to understand the Author's intent.

Questions to ask & answer to understand Scripture (Sword Method):

1. What does this text teach me about God?
2. What does this text teach me about Man?
3. Are there promises to claim?
4. Are there warnings to heed?
5. How should I change my life to align with Scripture?

Three questions Pastor George promised I would attempt to answer:

1. Why does God save some people but not all people?
 - a. Why does God save anyone at all? Why does God have mercy or compassion at all? (vs. 15-23)
2. Has God decided before time as to who He saves and who He rejects?
 - a. God has never rejected anyone who has confessed His Son, Jesus, as LORD and called upon His name for salvation.
3. Do we have no real choice in the matter about our salvation?
 - a. God is patience toward us, not wishing that any should perish, but that ALL should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

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Three questions the Holy Spirit answers for us in Romans 9: (The Holy Spirit uses the laws of hermeneutics to answer the questions He asks.)

1. Is there any injustice on God's part? Is God perfectly just? (vs. 14-18)
 - a. There is no way that God is ever unjust. God is perfectly just.
 - i. You cannot have mercy without judgement. God perfectly judged all. (Romans 3:23, 6:23a). All people sin and the wages of sin is death. Moses and Pharaoh were leaders, sinners, and murderers. All people experience physical death.
 - ii. God is not fair, but God is just. (1 Tim. 2:4-6; Isaiah 53:10) Jesus did nothing wrong. Jesus died so that all could be saved from eternal death.
 - iii. God offers mercy to all. (Romans 6:23b, 10:12-13) Jesus was crucified, died, and was raised to offer forgiveness to all. All people will be resurrected with Christ who call on His name for salvation.
 - iv. God's mercy depends on God's will, not man's. (Exodus 9:1-12) God sent 10 plagues to deliver Israel and to offer repentance to Egypt. Moses and Pharaoh saw God's power displayed. Pharaoh "hardened his heart" 10 times. God "hardened Pharaoh's heart" 10 times. "Hardened" means "confirmed."
2. Why does God still find fault with people (hold people accountable) if He hardens their hearts? Can we resist God? (vs. 19-24)
 - a. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)
 - i. God does not tempt anyone to sin. (James 1:13-15)
 - b. All who reject God had the choice to do so and therefore choose Hell. (Matt. 23:37)
 - c. God uses people's free choices to reject Him to set up a display of His glory for the ones who choose Him. (James 1:12)
3. Does God have the right to do whatever He wants with our lives? Do we trust God with everything? (vs. 21, 25-29)
 - a. God saves based on His grace, not race. God's plan of salvation includes YOU.
 - b. Salvation comes by being born again not through your parents faith. God displays His grace through the grand story of Scripture.
 - c. Once you choose Christ, you'll discover you were chosen by Him for Him. (Romans 1:16-17)

Three Questions for YOU:

1. Do you adore God's sovereignty? It is not simply to be analyzed, it is to be adored.
2. Do you proclaim God's gospel? It is not only to be pondered, it is to be proclaimed.
3. Do you LOVE God? God's love is not only to be studied, God is to be loved in worship.