

GOD'S PLAN FOR JEW AND GENTILE



INTRODUCTION

“Romans” so far:

- The entire world is guilty and condemned.
- God reckons righteousness to those who believe.
- Those who are counted righteous should behave righteously.
- Believers have victory over sin & suffering through God's predestining love.

Topic: “God’s Plan For Jew & Gentile” (ch.9-11)

- Israel’s rejection of God and the resulting blessing for Gentiles.
- Israel’s rejection by God but their ultimate salvation .¹
- Reasons for God’s rejection and His final plan.



GOD'S ELECTION: THE ULTIMATE REASON – 9:1-29

1] Paul’s sorrow over Israel's rejection of Christ (9:1-5)

- He would rather be condemned in their place. ²
- They were the privileged nation from whom Christ had come.



Compare Paul’s love for his own nation with Christ’s love

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2] God’s purposes have not failed for Israel (9:6-13)

- God is selective, choosing some and rejecting others. ³
- He chose Isaac & Jacob without any regard to their works.

¹ Not all commentators agree that Israel, as a nation, will turn to Christ. Some view many of the references to Israel in these chapters as ‘spiritual Israel’, namely, the elect from among both Jews and Gentiles.

² Paul uses similar words to Moses – Exodus 32:32.

³ Compare Romans 11:5. God elects Gentiles to salvation, as well as Jews – see Romans 9:23-24 and Ephesians 1:4-5.



How do you think God brings His Chosen Ones to Himself today?

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3] God has a sovereign right to save or condemn (9:14-29)

- God chooses to save some, though He could justly condemn all. (vv.14 -18)
- So, human clay (like Pharaoh) has no claim against the divine potter. (vv.19 -29)



If God did not choose man, man would not choose God. ⁴ Why is this true?

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UNBELIEF: THE IMMEDIATE REASON – 9:30-10:21

1] Israel sought righteousness by works not faith (9:30-10:4)

- Israel failed to get righteousness but the Gentiles succeeded – by faith. (9:30-32)
- Israel was zealous, but ignorant, trusting their own righteousness. (10:1 -4)



Compare the ignorant zeal of the Jews to a fire burning outside of its fireplace.

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2] Righteousness by law-works & faith contrasted (10:5-13)

- Righteousness by the law is impossible, by faith it is within reach. (vv.5-8)
- The faith that saves is prepared to confess Christ openly. (vv.9 -13)

⁴ Man is too spiritually dead to choose God. Ephesians 2:1: "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins."



**Salvation by faith is offered to all without favouritism.
Write out Romans 10:12-13.**

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3] Israel had every opportunity to exercise faith (10:14-21)

- Faith is trusting the preached message of the Gospel. (vv.14 -17)
- But Israel heard and still would not believe. (vv.18-21)



Why do people not believe the Gospel when they have such gifted preachers?

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REJECTION IS NOT TOTAL OR FINAL – CHAP. I I

1] God hasn't rejected every Jew (11:1-10)

- Paul and a “remnant” are saved - as in Elijah's day. (v.5)
- God “blinds” the rest, in response to their sinful unbelief. (v.7)



How should the knowledge that the elect will be saved affect our evangelism?

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2] God hasn't finally rejected the Jewish race (11:11-24)

- They will be jealous of the Gentiles and respond to the Gospel. (vv.11 -15)
- Their “grafting” back is easy for God to do. (vv.16 -24)



Paul knew that hostile Jews could be saved. How could a similar confidence affect our evangelism?

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3] God will save the Jews when the Gentile elect are gathered (11:25-36)

- Israel will finally turn from her blindness to Christ. (vv.25 -27)
- God's plan for Jew & Gentile salvation is complex and worthy of praise. (vv.28-36)



Briefly write out the complex path that brought you to Christ.

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TO CONCLUDE

Paul goes on to end his letter with a practical application.

(This will be the next topic)