

Salvation God's Way Romans 9:1-8, 14-21, 2023

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In Romans 9, Paul addresses God's sovereignty and election. How do you personally understand the concept of God's election and its implications for our lives?

Paul's discussion on God's chosen people prompts us to reflect on our own spiritual journey. How has understanding God's sovereignty and election affected your personal faith and relationship with God?

Paul discusses God's election of Jacob over Esau even before they were born. How do you reconcile the idea of God's choice with the fairness and justice we often associate with God?

In this chapter, Paul grapples with the notion of God hardening Pharaoh's heart. How do you understand the balance between God's sovereignty and human responsibility for our actions? In Exodus 7-8 it describes Pharaoh hardening his own heart. Is there a difference between the two?

Paul emphasizes that God shows mercy to whom He desires and hardens whom He desires. How does this aspect of God's character impact our understanding of His love and grace?

How does Paul's argument about God's sovereignty in Romans 9 impact the way we approach evangelism and sharing the Gospel with others? If you have time read through Romans 10 for background and insight.

This chapter mentions God's desire to make His power and name known to the world through both His mercy and His judgment. How can we reconcile this with our understanding of God's character as a loving and compassionate Father?

Paul wrestles with the tension between God's foreknowledge and human responsibility. How do you reconcile these two aspects in your own faith journey?

Romans 9 presents the idea of God's promise extending to both Jews and Gentiles. How does this message impact our understanding of the Church's role in God's redemptive plan?

How do you personally respond to the concept of God showing mercy on whom He wills and hardening whom He wills, as mentioned in this chapter?

Paul refers to the potter and clay analogy to explain God's authority in shaping our lives. How does this metaphor help us understand our relationship with God and His divine plan for us?

The concept of predestination is central in this chapter. How does predestination align with the idea of human responsibility in responding to God's call?

Paul expresses his deep sorrow and unceasing anguish for his fellow Israelites. How can we apply this passion for the salvation of others in our own lives and communities?

Remember to encourage everyone to share their perspectives openly and respectfully, fostering a good and healthy environment for discussion. These questions should help your group delve into the complexities of Romans chapter 9 and explore the implications of God's sovereignty in our lives.

Next Steps

Memorize Romans 9:33

Eat with 3 people this week, one connected to the church, one who isn't and one of your choice.

Pray for the Spirit to give you the attitude toward the lost that Paul expresses in Romans 9:1-3.

Spend some time thanking God for choosing you. If you are confused talk to someone about it.