

## What About the JEWS? ~ Romans 9:1-18

→ Scripture Reading - Rom. 9:1-5

### INTRODUCTION

**God's Sovereignty** - He is in Absolute Control over ALL things

**Man's Responsibility**- we are Accountable for our Choices

God **IS** Sovereign **AND** Man **IS** Responsible

**Romans 3:1** (NIV) What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision?

**Romans 5:1-2** (NIV) Therefore, since we have been JUSTIFIED through FAITH, we HAVE PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by FAITH into this GRACE in which we now stand...

**Romans 8:37-39** (NIV)<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in ALL creation, will be able to separate us from the LOVE of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### The Wonder of Jewish Heritage ~ Romans 9:1-5

<sup>1</sup> I speak the truth in Christ - I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit - <sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, <sup>4</sup> the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. <sup>5</sup> Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

**Hosea 11:1** (NET) When Israel was a young man, I loved him like a son, and I summoned my son out of Egypt.

**Exodus 40:34** (NIV) Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

**Isaiah 6:3** (NET) They called out to one another, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord who commands armies. His majestic splendor fills the entire earth!"

**Isaiah 9:2, 6** (NLT)<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. ...<sup>6</sup> For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Genesis 15:6** (NLT) And Abram **BELIEVED** the LORD, and the LORD COUNTED him as righteous because of his FAITH.

### IMPLICATIONS

→ **Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah - He IS GOD**

<sup>5</sup> ...Christ Himself was an Israelite as far as His human nature is concerned. And He IS God, the ONE who rules over everything and is WORTHY of eternal praise! Amen. (NLT)

**Colossians 1:19-20** (NIV) For God was pleased to have ALL His fullness dwell in Him,<sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

**Colossians 2:9** (NLT) For in Christ lives ALL the fullness of God in a human body.

**Revelation 5:12-13** (NIV) In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

### Children of the PROMISE ~ Romans 9:6-18

<sup>6</sup> It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. <sup>7</sup> Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be RECKONED."<sup>8</sup> In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. <sup>9</sup> For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."<sup>10</sup> Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup> Yet, BEFORE the twins were BORN or had done anything good or bad - in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup> NOT by WORKS but by Him who calls - she was told, "The older will serve the younger."<sup>13</sup> Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

<sup>11</sup> But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to HIS own purposes; <sup>12</sup> He calls people, but not according to their good or bad works)... (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> What then shall we say? Is God UNJUST? Not at all. <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup> It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

<sup>16</sup> So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither CHOOSE it nor WORK for it. (NLT)

We cannot earn God's Mercy - if we could, it would NOT be Mercy. FLSB

<sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup> Therefore **God has mercy** on whom He wants to **have mercy**, and **He hardens** whom He wants to harden.

**Exodus 9:16** (NLT) But I have spared you for a purpose - to show you MY power and to spread MY fame throughout the earth.

So God can FREELY and JUSTLY extend Mercy or NOT extend Mercy to those who deserved judgment. Constable

## IMPLICATIONS

### → God OWES us NOTHING

**John 3:17-18** (NIV) For God did **NOT send His Son** into the world to **CONDEMN** the world, but to save the world through Him. <sup>18</sup> **Whoever BELIEVES** in Him is **NOT condemned**, but whoever does not believe **stands condemned** already because he has **not believed** in the NAME of God's One and Only Son.

➤ God predestines who will be saved, and we must choose Christ in order to be saved. Both facts are equally true.

**Romans 10:13** (NIV) ...EVERYONE who calls on the Name of the Lord WILL BE saved.

➤ The Bible never describes God Rejecting anyone who **BELIEVES in Him** or turning away anyone who is **SEEKING Him**.

Objects of mercy who should have known wrath  
We're filled with unspeakable joy  
How high and how wide - How deep and how long  
How sweet and how strong is Your love  
How lavish Your grace - How faithful Your ways  
How great is Your love, O Lord

**Romans 11:33-36** (NIV) <sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! <sup>34</sup> "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" <sup>35</sup> "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

## TAKE AWAY ??

<sup>16</sup> So it is God who decides to show MERCY. We can neither Choose it nor Work for it. (NLT)

**Romans 3:10-11** (NIV) ...There is no one RIGHTEOUS, not even one; there is no one who UNDERSTANDS, no one who SEEKS God.

**Romans 3:22-24** (NIV) This righteousness from God comes through FAITH in Jesus Christ to ALL who BELIEVE. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are **JUSTIFIED** freely by His **GRACE** through the redemption that came BY Christ Jesus.

Election means that **salvation is OF God**. It is **His idea** and **His work**, and therefore it is as solid as God Himself is. Boice

**Romans 8:31-32** (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?