

God's Sovereign Choice - Romans 9:1-29

Topics: Blessing, Burdens, Justice, Opportunities, Rejection, Sovereignty

Open It

1. When have you felt that you were judged unfairly in a contest?
- * 2. How do you react when someone brags that God is on his or her side?

Explore It

3. What strong emotion was Paul feeling? (9:2)
4. What situation made Paul feel sad and anguished? (9:2-3)
5. How far was Paul willing to go for his fellow Jews? (9:3)
6. What gifts and opportunities had God given to the Jewish people? (9:4-5)
7. How did Paul explain the difference between Jews who believe and Jews who do not believe? (9:6-8)
8. Whom did God bless as the parents of the nation of Israel? (9:7-9)
- * 9. What did Paul say to people who claim to be children of God merely because they are descendants of Abraham? (9:8-9)
10. Who were the children of Isaac and Rebekah? (9:10-13)
11. What decision did God make about Jacob and Esau before they were born? (9:12-13)
- * 12. How did Paul defend the accusation that God is unjust in His treatment of people? (9:14-15)
- * 13. What determines how God bestows favor on people? (9:16)
14. What examples from history did Paul use to demonstrate God's choice of blessing? (9:17-18)
15. What right do we have to question God? (9:19-21)
16. Why does God show great patience with us even though we deserve His wrath? (9:22-24)
17. What did the prophets Isaiah and Hosea tell us about God's patience and justice? (9:25-29)

Get It

18. What burdens do you carry for friends or relatives who do not know Christ?
- * 19. How could a person come from a very religious background and still not have a personal faith in God?
20. In what ways do people depend on a religious heritage for their salvation?
21. What's wrong with depending on a religious background or heritage for favor with God?
22. What sacrifices would you be willing to make to give others a chance to know Christ?
23. Why do we tend to question God's actions toward us or anyone else?
24. According to this passage, why are Jewish people often resistant to the message of peace with God through Jesus Christ?
25. What does this passage teach us about God's character?
26. What implications does Paul's burden for Israel have for our lives today?
- * 27. On what basis does God choose people to inherit His promises?
28. How have you experienced God's mercy and patience in your life?

Apply It

- * 29. What sacrifices or efforts can you make this week to help a friend come to faith in Christ?
30. When can you take time this week to thank God for His acts of mercy and love to you?