

New Community Bible Study & Teaching

“How’d The Jews Miss Jesus?”

Romans 9:1-33

Session 12

We’ve titled our study series after the Book of Romans...

“God’s Plan To Move Us From Lost Ones To Saved Ones To Sent Ones”

Structure Of The Book:

Our Outline of the Book

1. Introduction & Theme Of Romans (1:1-17),
2. The Doctrine of Justification (1:18—5:11),
3. The Doctrine Of Sanctification (5:12—8:39),
- 4. God’s Plan & Purpose For Israel (9:1—11:36),**
5. Living The New Life As A Jesus Follower (12:1-15:13);
6. Conclusions & Greetings To Friends (15:14—16:27).

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Introduction & Overview

Now... the questions of the ages start getting addressed this week for us...

Last week...

- Some of the greatest news we will ever hear...
- **Romans 8:1**... no condemnation in Jesus!
- **Romans 8:27**... more than conquerors!
- **Romans 8:28**... works all thing for our good His glory
- **Romans 8:32**... He will withhold no good thing for us!
- **Romans 8:35-39**... nothing can separate us from God!

We know how God has provided for our imperfections!

We know how God wants us to see ourselves!

We know how God has planned to use our circumstances

We know that God is not withholding from us

We know that He will not let anything come between us

I don’t know how life gets any more hopeful!!!!

Now today...start of three chapters... on Israel...

- This insight is historic & prophetic...
- Looking at... what happened to Israel?

Today... “How’d They Miss Jesus?”

Read: Rom. 9:1-13... Read it!!!

1 I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel.

- Paul declares his commitment to his Jewish heritage...
- Even self-sacrificial... so we know his passion for his people!

And here is why...

Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Big list of reasons that Israel is “special”:

- **Adoption to sonship**- Israel was adopted-God’s sons- Ex.4:22
- **The divine glory**...The had the pillar & the cloud & burning bush... no other nation was so favored by God!
- **The covenants**...with Abraham, with Moses
- **Received the Law**...God revealed it to the Jews- a rev. of His will!
- **The temple worship & promises**...Ordinances, rites, ceremonies, sacrificial system- all given to the Jews! Land of Canaan, Messiah, His kingdom
- **Patriarchs**...Adam, Abe, Moses, David, Daniel, Isaiah, Etc.
- **The human ancestry of the Messiah**... Lineage thru the Jews
 - o **And that Messiah is God over all...big declaration!**

The Jews had all the advantages to point them to Jesus...

- But here is a big reason the Jews missed Jesus:

6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.

- **We must understand this... Not all Jewish people...**

- **Are true Jews!**

- Real Israel is more than... who is your daddy!
- So many were looking for another Messiah than Jesus!!

And a little more to consider...

7 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." 8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. 9 For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

- The miracle of an older couple having a baby...
- **It's the descendants of that faith struggle...**
 - That are the true children of Abraham
- Because... Abe had a physical child... with Hagar!! (Ishmael)
- But...it was **Isaac & not Ishmael...** that inherited the promise!
- The child by faith- thru Sarah & Abraham...was the blessed one!

To further define the promise coming thru faith...

And God's sovereignty...

God caused another selection-situation to unfold:

10 Not only that, but Rebekah's children (Jacob & Esau) were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. 11 Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: 12 not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger. 13 Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

- Who was chosen? Not all of Isaac's descendants...
 - o Were children of the promise...**only Jacob!**
- **And... it was the younger not the older as it should have been!**
 - o Who was chosen!!
- **God chose one and not another before their birth!**
- **So... it was not physical connections that made them special!!!**

14 What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! 15 For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” 16 It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. 17 For 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.” 18 Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

- Very important and insightful disclosure!

- God is not unjust... just sovereign! In charge!

- God determines the game and the rules of it!
- Notice... human reasoning and desire... does not force God's hand!
- **It is His mercy**, and who He chooses to give it to... that matters!

Huge Point: God has revealed how He operates...and who gets His favor!

- Even hardening Pharaoh's heart... **is His option!**
- **Remember: Pharaoh had declared himself god... prior to this!**
- **He had also hardened his own heart** against God- he resisted!

Vs.17- God tells us something hard for nice people to handle...

- **He raised up Pharaoh...to display His power in how He dealt w/ Pharaoh... so that God's name & power would be famous for how He dealt with Pharaoh... all true!!!**
- **10 plagues, or chances to repent...** 10 trials... and Pharaoh rejected each chance to give in to God! (Moses calls to let my people go!)

Mercy is God's choice to give to some or not give!

- **His salvation pathway thru Jesus... is His sovereign gift to man...**
- **John 6:44...** Only those He calls can come to Him!!!

- We don't deserve it or win it by who our daddy was!!

- We receive His mercy... by responding to His calling...

- **And following His specific example & direction-**
- **We receive it... when we repent & come to Him by faith!!**

Vs. 18- and God's name is worthy of being known worldwide so many would look to Him for salvation...

- Therefore... He has mercy on who He chooses to...
- We need to be good with that!

So, that brings up a possible question a Jewish person might ask God...or Paul:

19 One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?”

- Fascinating question... Paul is supposing for his Jewish audience
- That people cannot be held to blame for their actions...
- If God can harden a heart... then we are not free to believe or reject Him, so what difference does it make anyway?
- Because God just picks who He wants to save and that’s that!
- You have no say in the matter!

But here is where his sovereignty and His election come into play...

- There is some mystery in it all! He is God, right?

Paul continues...

20 But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God?

- Important here... not to just shut down objections
- But something more...
- Remember... what does every human being since Adam deserve?
 - o Judgment for sin and banishment from God’s sight!

“Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

- Big declaration... God is God and we are not!!
- You must get good with that reality... and submit to it!!
- He is the sovereign... His ways can be a mystery to us at times

- Or we end up spending the little time we have before death fighting God!!
- Reality is... **the creator determines the game & the rules!**

So... we get even more revealed about God that we might not have known... prepare yourself this maybe shocking to you...

22 What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction?

- **He did! He showed much patience with sinful mankind!**
- He has waited patiently for every called Gentile- to find Jesus!
- God's patience is very visible... you and I lived long enough to believe in Jesus! To have the chance!
- His patience should not be mis-defined as weakness by God!
- He knows our sin... He was patient towards us! 2 Peter 3:9!!

23 What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— 24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

- How magnificent... He wanted to make sure we all got in!
- And millions more who have and will... Before the Rapture!!!
- Then the Tribulation begins- 7 years of hell on earth!
- All who He has called! Beautiful stuff!
- **The proof of your calling is... you believed in Him!!!**
- **Jews & Gentiles alike!!**

Look how Paul points to the Jews & what's to come...

25 As he says in Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,” 26 and, “In the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘children of the living God.’”

- Israel was His original chosen people!
- Israel rebelled, turned to idolatry, and abused God!

Just like in the story of Hosea and Gomer!

- Israel became a spiritual harlot to God!!!
- But... Hosea, like God Himself... never gave up on Gomer!
- He searched for her high and low!
- And... he eventually bought her back from slavery!!!!
- And he kept her as his wife and mother of his kids!!
- That's exactly what God has and will do for Israel!!
- The ultimate spiritual harlotry- was rejecting God's messiah Jesus!
- But He is committed to reeling them back in...soon!!!

Isaiah tells us...

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved.

- Abraham's promise... many descendants!
- Here is God's plan for Israel... just a remnant!
- **Only a small portion of Israel will turn to Jesus!**
- The physical nation... will not all believe
- And they will pay the same price... as gentiles who do not believe!

28 For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality.” 29 It is just as Isaiah said previously: “Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.”

- Only by God’s sovereignty and mercy...
- He chose to save some Jews for salvation!
- **Otherwise... all Jews would not see salvation!**
- They’d be wiped out like S&G was!
- Because of their idolatry and sp. adultery!!

30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal.

- Big deal here... the law was NEVER the way of righteousness!
- It was the way of showing God’s righteousness...
- Which no man could attain or keep!
- It was always to be by faith! Abraham proved that for us!
- Faith- opened the door to righteousness & justification for the gentiles!!!

32 Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. 33 As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall,

and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

- **Righteousness is obtained only thru faith in Jesus finished work on the cross!!**
- **The Jews tripped over God’s stumbling stone...Jesus!**
- **Everyone must negotiate Him- by faith in Him!**
- **Or they stumble and fall short of finding justification!**

Next week... More on God’s Big Deal For The Jews...

Next Time- Part 13- Romans 10-11... Ben

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“God’s Plan For Israel”

Close and Pray