

Based on the preaching from Sunday **9 August 'God Saves'**

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Sermon Text: **Romans 9**

Key Ideas from the Sermon:

- Paul is distressed at the widespread Jewish rejection of Jesus as Messiah.
- Had God's promises to the Jews failed? No – not all Israel are in fact Israel. Not all those descended from Abraham share the faith of Abraham. God had always chosen his people, even within the family of Israel.
- Is God unjust to choose some and not all? No, because God's choosing is based on mercy not merit, or works or ethnicity. Mercy by definition is undeserved.
- God's glory is most clearly seen in both his justice and mercy, and ultimately in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ because on the cross, God's justice is revealed in that sin is rightly punished with death, and his mercy is revealed because Jesus was our substitute so that sinners can be forgiven and reconciled with God.
- God is just but his mercy is more! God's mercy has extended far beyond Israel and includes Gentiles too. Have you realised your need for God's saving mercy?



Bible Study: The Swedish Method **[Romans 9]**

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for and taking note of the following four things:



Lightbulb: This should be something that 'shines' from the passage- whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for the readers life.

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