

The Life and Letters of Paul

Romans 9

1. **Paul was to witness to the gentiles; however, he had a heart for the Jews who when presented with the Gospel rejected it. How do you react to those who have rejected when you tried to share Jesus?**

Romans 9:1-3/ Acts 22:21- to the Gentiles/ Jeremiah 17:15-16- Jeremaiah felt the same way when they reject his message.

2. **Have you ever or are you now taking your privilege in Christ for granted? Paul describes six benefits or privileges that rightfully belonged to Israel as God's chosen people: adoption, glory, relationship (covenant), revelation (law), worship, promises.**

Romans 9:4-5/ Exodus 4:22- tell the enemy that is my son(adoption)/Exodus 16:10-Glory cloud/ 2 Samuel 23:5-everlasting Covenant/ Exodus 19:3- give these instructions(law)/ Romans 12:1-true worship/ Genesis 26:3-4-promises come from a place of faith not privilege.

3. **Much like Christians today who perceive themselves to be in Christ because of culture or family (I grew up that way) the Jews convinced themselves to all be decedents because they were jews.**

Romans 9:6-9/ Matthew 3:9- God can create sons/ John 8:39-true sons follow Jesus/ Mark 3:35- follow God, that is family

4. **We like the Jews can get caught up in the assumption that I am a child of God because of what I do or do not do, however it is God himself according to his purpose.**

Romans 9:10-16/Gen 12:1-2- family is always where promise come from/ Exodus 33:19-God told moses he will choose who he wants.

5. **Paul speaks further to the point of God and whom he chooses, using pharaoh as an example of taking an unfortunate circumstance to show God's power and authority. Note* an unsubmitted heart is fertile ground for a hardened heart. What is the current condition of your heart.**

Romans 9:17-19/ Exodus 9:12- the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, / Exodus 8:15- pharaoh first hardened his own heart.

6. For whatever reason (possibly at distance to God) we a creation come to some point when we try to make sense of God in our own eyes, have you ever asked the question “Why God (fill in the blank)

Romans 9:20-24- a mere human being, to argue with God/ Isaiah 55:8-9- not my way/ Job 38:3-4- Job questioned the creator and the creator responds with a man-to-man conversation.

7. In This chapter the selection of the Gentiles is an example of God’s mercy, taking in a people who were once separated and now called “SONS” This is still the case today where he receives and redeems a sinner through his son.

Romans 9:25-26/ John 1:12- he gave the right to become children of God.

8. Paul’s point is that the scattering Isaiah described was only a preview of Israel’s rejection of the Messiah and her subsequent destruction and scattering.

Romans 9:27-29/ Isaiah 11:11- The lord will offer his hand again/ Matthew 10:33- will you take the hand

9. Again, we see Paul emphasizing that be made right with God is only done by faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 9:30-31/ John 6:47- anyone who believes has eternal life

10. *The great rock in their path* is Christ. People either build on him by putting their faith in him, or they *stumble* over his message that faith, and not human works, is the key to *getting right with God*¹

Romans 9:32-33/ Ephesians 2:20- And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.