

does the potter not have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one object for honorable use, and another for common use?



What About Israel? (Part 1)

Romans 9:1-29

#14 in a series on Romans

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Theme: **Sovereign God is righteous despite Israel's rejection of Christ.**

Paul's concern for Israel and Israel's privileges.

1. Paul's great love for his people. (1-3)
2. Israel's great privileges. (4-5)

God's promises to Israel and Israel's rejection of Christ.

1. The problem. (6; see also 8, 9)
2. The answer. (6-13; see also 2:28-29)

God's choice of people and His justice.

1. The problem. (14)
2. The answer. (15-18)

God's choice of people and people's responsibility.

1. The problem. (19)
2. The answer. (20-29)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read 9:1-29. Now go back and read 9:1-5 again. Why do you think Paul opens this section of the letter in this way? What was he telling his readers about himself and Israel?

Tuesday. Paul deals with the questions and misconceptions about God's promises to Israel and the vast majority of Israelites rejecting Christ in verses 6-13. What is the point of his illustration of Isaac? What is the point of his illustration of Jacob and Esau? List the main points Paul makes here, and then summarize them in one overall statement.

Wednesday. In the next section, verses 14-18, Paul deals with God's choice of people and His justice. How does verse 14 support his statement that there is no injustice with God? How do verses 15-16 support that statement? Summarize Paul's main point in these verses. What issues does that raise in your mind? How are you going to deal with them?

Thursday. The last thing Paul deals with here is God's selection of people and people's responsibility in verses 19-29. What do you think of Paul's answer in verses 20-24 to the question in verse 19? Why is God's choosing of every believer before the foundation of the world just (cf. Ephesians 1:4-5)? How and why is every person responsible for their choice to receive or reject God?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to move on to the next part of the question "What about Israel?" with 9:30 – 10:21. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.