

18 - Israel & God's Choice (Romans 9:1-29)

I. Grief for Israel (9:1-5)

A. Paul's grief (9:1-2)

1. His truthfulness (9:1)

- Paul tells his readers that, as the Holy Spirit is his witness, he is _____.

2. Continual emotion (9:2)

- The truth that he expresses is the continual sorrow and grief that _____.

B. Paul's desire (9:3)

- Paul wishes that he could be _____ instead of Israel.

C. Israel (9:4-5)

1. Israel's privileges (9:4)

- Israel is the recipient of the benefits that come from _____.

2. Ancestry of Christ (9:5)

- It is from Israel that _____.

II. God's Sovereign Choice (9:6-29)

A. The reality of Israel (9:6)

- Paul expresses the reality that not all of the Israelites are _____.

B. Illustrations of God's choice (9:7-18)

1. Seed of Abraham (9:7-9)

- Paul states that not all of the seed of Abraham are _____.

- The children of the flesh are not children of God like _____.

2. Jacob and Esau (9:10-13)

- God choose Jacob over Esau before they were born according to _____.

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3. Pharaoh (9:14-18)

- Paul anticipates the question that God is _____.
- Paul uses strong language to express that he _____.
- The Lord's compassion and mercy is not _____.
- God raised up Pharaoh to _____.

B. God's choice explained (9:19-29)

1. The question (9:19)

- Paul anticipates the question concerning why does God _____.

2. The problem with the question (9:20)

- Paul expresses that man has no right to question _____.

3. God's prerogative (9:21-24)

- God, like a potter, purposes one vessel for _____.
- God can endure the actions of the wicked to show _____.
- God can choose both Jews and Gentiles to show _____.

4. Scriptural support (9:25-29)

a. Hosea (9:25-26)

- The Book of Hosea proclaims that God will make his people those _____.

b. Isaiah (9:27-29)

- Though Israel will be many, he will preserve a remnant from _____.