



Unashamed: Children of Promise

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Romans Road

Romans 3:10 – There is no one righteous, not even one.

Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1 – Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 9

Paul's Passion for His People vs 1-5

8 Benefits and Blessings God gave to Israel

1. Adoption as sons
2. Divine glory
3. The covenants
4. The law
5. Temple worship
6. Promises
7. Patriarchs
8. From Israel came Jesus Christ

If nothing can separate us from the love of God, then why have the people of Israel rejected God?

Paul's reply: 4 Questions

1. Did God's Word fail? Vs 6-13
 - Israel's failure was their own failure, not due to the failure of God's Word.
 - Not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Those descending from the promise are Israel.
 - Those who believe are Israel: Children of promise

God's purpose in election

- Election: "Chosen" in regard to salvation (Eph. 1:4-5; Matt. 24:24; Rom. 9:11)
 - Free Will: Man's ability to choose (John 3:16; Rom. 10:9, 13; 1 Tim. 2:3-4)
 - Simplistic approach: "We'll never get it so forget it and accept it." (Is. 55:8-9; Dt. 29:29)
 - Reconciliation: God's election and man's choice transpire at the same instant and God knew it.
2. Is God unjust? vs 14-18

Justice demands all sinners perish. Therefore, no one would be saved.

- That there are any who are saved is a result of God's mercy.
 - God has not hardened anyone who has not already hardened himself.
 - If anyone is lost, the blame is theirs, but if anyone is saved, the credit is God's.
3. Why does God still blame us? – If there is election then we have no choice – vs 19-29
 - The one resistant to God never asks, "Why did you make me like this?"
 - God exerts great patience with rebels in order to reveal the riches of His glory to those under His mercy.
 - God's mercy stretches to all who believe. They are His children of promise.
 4. What shall we say in conclusion? Vs 30-33
 - God's Word never fails.
 - God is just and merciful.
 - Those who seek favor from God by what they do will never find favor with God.
 - Those who seek favor with God by faith in Jesus Christ are the children of promise.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation of everyone who believes." Romans 1:16