

Week 5: Romans 10-12

1:1 - 1:17			1:18 - 3:20		3:21 - 4:25		5:1 - 8:39		9:1 - 11:36		12:1 - 15:13		15:14 - 16:27	
Intro			All have sinned - Prosecution - Divine 'no'		Justification by faith- Defence - Divine 'yes'		Sanctification - New life in Christ		God's plan for Jews and Gentiles		Imperative - Christian relationships		Conclusion	

Summary of Romans 9-11 (1)

- 9:1-9:18: I am distressed that so few Jewish people have believed in Jesus. There is so much benefit to being Jewish, but being truly Jewish never just meant physical ancestry but having God's promise and election.
- 9:19-33: God can and does have mercy on anyone he chooses. He has mercy on Jewish people who don't rely on their works of the law but have faith in Christ, as well as Gentiles who have faith even though they never knew the law or sought God before.
- 10:1-10:13: Christ has brought to an end and fulfilled the law. Now all who confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead are saved.

Summary of Romans 9-11 (2)

- 10:14-10:21: Such faith comes from hearing the message about Jesus, and his messengers must proclaim it. The problem with most of Israel is not that they haven't heard this message, though, but that they rejected it.
- 11:1-11:10: God has not rejected the Jewish people. He has given a 'remnant' (including Paul) grace to believe, but he 'hardened' the majority in their unbelief. Remember, his grace is never based on what people deserve.
- 11:11-11:32: This 'hardening' has allowed Gentiles to be saved, but is not permanent. When the complete number of Gentiles has believed, the 'hardening' will end, and all Israel will be saved for the sake of God's covenant with the patriarchs. Praise God!

Primary Argument

◆ **Question:** 9:30-31, 10:16, 11:7

- **What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. Why not? ... 9:30-31 (10:16, 11:7)**

◆ **Answer:** 11:25

- **'Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.'**

Romans 9-11: Sub-Questions

- ◆ Has the word of God failed? 9:6
- ◆ Is God unjust? 9:14
- ◆ What shall we say? 9:30
- ◆ Did Israel not understand? 10:19
- ◆ Did God reject his people? 11:1
- ◆ Have they stumbled beyond recovery?
11:11

The 'E' and 'P' Words

- **Election: a biblical teaching for Jews and Christians**
- **Problem #1: 'double predestination'**
 - ◆ Calvin - yes
 - ◆ Arminian, Wesleyan, other Reformed - no
 - ◆ Romans 8-9:
 - ◆ Salvation history
 - ◆ Context of Jewish rejection of Messiah
 - ◆ Individuals participate in their 'hardening'
 - ◆ God 'wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth' - I Tim. 2:3-4

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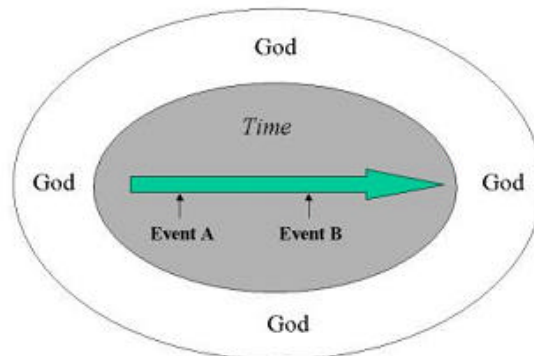
■ Problem #2: Practical effects

- ◆ WRONG:
 - ◆ An excuse not to pray
 - ◆ An excuse not to evangelise
 - ◆ An excuse for pride, passivity, judgmentalism, exclusivism

- ◆ RIGHT:
 - ◆ Encouragement and certainty
 - ◆ Gratitude and humility
 - ◆ Service and worship

The 'E' and 'P' Words

■ Problem #3: Looking at the eternal from within the limits of time



Romans 9-12: Other Truths

- **Jesus the 'end' or 'fulfillment' of the law:**
10:14

- **The church as the Israel of God, the community to bring to the nations:**
 - ◆ Victory
 - ◆ Order
 - ◆ Worship
 - ◆ Blessing

THEREFORE... Romans 12:1

- Offer your bodies** as living sacrifices:
- ◆ Reasonable service
 - ◆ Spiritual worship
 - ◆ Then know the good, acceptable perfect will of the Lord
- **Exercise your spiritual gifts**
 - ◆ Know your gifts
 - ◆ Know your place
 - ◆ Use your gifts



Romans 12:9-21

■ Shotgun blast

- 9: Let love be sincere. Hate evil. Cling to the good.
- 10: Love and honour each other.
- 11: Serve the Lord passionately.
- 12: Be joyful in hope, patient in suffering, faithful in prayer.
- 13: Show hospitality. Share with the needy among God's people.
- 14: Bless those who curse you.
- 15: Rejoice with those that rejoice. Mourn with those that mourn.
- 16: Live in harmony. Don't be proud.
- 17: Don't repay evil, but do good.
- 18: Do what you can to live at peace with everyone.
- 19: Don't take revenge.
- 21: Overcome evil with good.