

Romans

Bible Class 8
Contrast Fleshly And Spiritual
Israel
Rom 9:1-29

Freed From Suffering And Death

1. Our present suffering not worthy to be compared with eternal glory Rom 8:18
2. Waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body Rom 8:19-23
3. In hope we have been saved Rom 8:24-25
4. The spirit also helps our weakness Rom 8:26-27

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Freed From Suffering And Death

5. God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God Rom 8:28-30
6. We overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us Rom 8:31-39

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Introduction

- From Rom 1:16-8:39, Paul has unfolded God's plan to make men righteous by the gospel of His grace through faith in Jesus
- Although many Gentiles were becoming Christians, most Jews had rejected the gospel, rejecting Jesus the only means by which anyone can be saved
- Various Jews had been involved with and agreed with Jesus' crucifixion

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Introduction

- The Jews had wrongly believed they could be saved by meritorious works of the Law of Moses in combination with their being Israelites, fleshly descendants of Abraham, God's chosen people
- In Romans 9-11 Paul relates that God was solely in charge of whom He chooses to bring about His purposes including salvation

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Introduction

- His selections of individuals and nations were not based on meritorious works or physical descent
- God chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob through whom He would establish Israel and bring Jesus into the world to fulfill the promise to Abraham and David
- While selecting these, He rejected others such as Ishmael and Esau

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Introduction

- Through Christ both Jews and Gentiles can be saved by grace through faith in His sacrifice for our sins
- God is faithful to fulfill His promises no matter who may reject them
- His choices of who He uses to bring about salvation and the conditions by which all must be saved must be submitted to rather than be challenged and rejected

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Contrast Fleshly And Spiritual Israel

1. Paul's grief over most Jews being lost Rom 9:1-5
2. The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh Rom 9:6-13
3. God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires Rom 9:14-18
4. God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy Rom 9:19-29

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Paul's grief over most Jews being lost

Rom 9:1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit,

Rom 9:2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

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Paul's grief over most Jews being lost

Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

Rom 9:4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises,

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Paul's grief over most Jews being lost

Rom 9:5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Paul's grief over most Jews being lost

- Even though Jesus died for all, most of the Jews in Paul's day rejected Him as being God and savior of humanity
- They had even set in motion and agreed with Jesus' crucifixion
- Paul grieved much over them even wishing he could be lost if that would save them

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Paul's grief over most Jews being lost

- They had the blessings including the promise and lineage of Jesus as Savior but they rejected God's only way to save them and humanity
- We too should be grieved over the lost and seek to save them through the gospel

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Paul's grief over Israel being lost should encourage us to grieve over the lost today

1. Rom 10:1-4
2. 2Co 5:10-11, 14-15

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Israel had the blessings from God including the promise of Christ who they rejected

1. Gen 12:1-3
2. 2Sa 7:12-13
3. Joh 5:16-18
4. Joh 8:21-24, 56-59
5. Joh 14:1-9
6. Act 2:36-38, 41

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The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh

Rom 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;

Rom 9:7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

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The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh

Rom 9:8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

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The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh

- Israel had been blessed with the Law of Moses and being God's chosen nation to perform the Temple services but they failed to understand God's promise to Abraham which later was restated to David
- They took pride in being Abraham's physical children trusting in their "perfect" law keeping to be saved

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The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh

- God would use some of Abraham's children to establish His chosen nation through which He would bring His Messiah, Jesus, through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah and eventually David
- In choosing both individuals and nations to carry out His plan, He would exclude other individuals and nations

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The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh

- Now that Jesus has come, there is no more need for the chosen nation of Israel
- Therefore, those who would be blessed as children of Abraham were to be of faith in the promise of God sacrificing Jesus not of fleshly relation
- They would not be justified by perfect law keeping but faith in Jesus' blood to forgive their sins

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The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh

- Contrary to Calvinism, God did not unconditionally choose (elect) every individual who would be saved and lost before eternity but He predetermined on what basis (by grace) and through what means (by faith) all would be saved
- God's choices in what individuals and nations He would use to bring salvation and on what basis and conditions people are saved are His alone!

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The Jews boasted they were descendants of Abraham

1. Mat 3:7-10
2. Joh 8:37-45
3. Gal 2:16
4. Rom 3:19-20, 27-28

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The children of promise are children of God not the children of the flesh

1. Rom 4:9-12
2. Gal 3:6-9, 13-19, 26-29

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God selected some individuals and nations for His plan while rejecting others

Rom 9:9 For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

Rom 9:10 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

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God selected some individuals and nations for His plan while rejecting others

Rom 9:11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

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God selected some individuals and nations for His plan while rejecting others

Rom 9:12 it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

Rom 9:13 Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

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- To carry out His plan to bring Jesus into the world to save both Jews and Gentiles by grace through faith, God chose Jacob and rejected Esau
- Through these two there would come two nations, Edom from Esau and Israel from Jacob
- God chose Israel for the nation through whom Jesus would come and rejected Edom

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God selected some individuals and nations for His plan while rejecting others

- These choices did not impact the salvation of those chosen
- God, before creation, chose to save all who through faith would submit to Jesus who died for all
- But, we have free choice as to whether we will obey or reject His gospel

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God selected some individuals and nations for His plan while rejecting others

1. Gen 18:10-14
2. Gen 21:9-14
3. Gen 25:21-26
4. Mal 1:2-4
5. Deu 9:3-6
6. Luk 14:26

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Before creation God chose by what means and conditions all can choose to be saved

1. Eph 1:3-7
2. 1Pe 1:18-21
3. Rom 8:28-30

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We can freely choose whether to obey or reject the gospel

1. Rom 1:16-17
2. Act 2:38, 40-41

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God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!

Rom 9:15 For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

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God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires

Rom 9:16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

Rom 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

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God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires

Rom 9:18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

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God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires

- Is it unjust for God to choose to save both Jews and Gentiles who respond to His grace through Jesus by obedient trusting faith and reject those who do not believe?
- No, God has the right to show mercy to whom He chooses and to harden whom He chooses
- He does this by not impairing or erasing the free will of man

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God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires

- He uses both the righteous and the wicked to carry out His purpose to His glory and honor
- But, the wicked and the righteous make the choices that cause their hearts either to be more softened or hardened toward the Word of God
- Whatever choices men make toward His Word, His purpose is going to be done

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God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires

- Both the Jews and Pharaoh are used as examples of those who rebelled against His Word but God's will was done in spite of their hardness against Him
- After the golden calf incident, God showed mercy to Israel that His plan to bring Jesus into the world might continue
- Israel was rescued from Egypt showing God's power to all in spite of Pharaoh's hardness of heart

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God has mercy on and hardens whom He desires

1. Exo 33:2-6, 13-17
2. Exo 7:1-3, 20-22
3. Exo 8:8, 12-15
4. Exo 9:13-18
5. Jas 1:13-15
6. 2Co 2:14-16
7. Rom 2:4-5
8. Mat 13:15, Luk 8:15

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

Rom 9:19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?"

Rom 9:20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

Rom 9:21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

- Some may say if, whether we choose to good or evil, God's purpose will be done, how can He find fault with anyone for how they act?
- But, who are we to question God, who is Creator and perfect in character
- We are responsible for how we act and God uses nations as well as individuals for His purpose whether they obey or rebel

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

- Although the Jews aided in crucifying Jesus, God's plan to save both Jews and Gentiles through faith in Jesus went forward
- God is patient delaying showing His wrath against sin while waiting for all to repent and be saved

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

1. Jer 18:1-12
2. 2Ti 2:19-26
3. Act 2:22-24, 36-38
4. Rom 1:18, 2Pe 3:9

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

Rom 9:22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?
Rom 9:23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

Rom 9:24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

Rom 9:25 As He says also in Hosea, "I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'"

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

Rom 9:26 "AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD."

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

Rom 9:27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;

Rom 9:28 FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD ON THE EARTH, THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY."

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

Rom 9:29 And just as Isaiah foretold, "UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOth HAD LEFT TO US A POSTERITY, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE RESEMBLED GOMORRAH."

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

- God endured the rebellious nation of Israel to bring Jesus into the world by which all can be saved through faith in Jesus
- Paul quotes Hosea to show God did this so that He may claim a people, faithful to Christ, from both Jews and Gentiles

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

- He quotes Isaiah to show God would save a remnant of Jews who would turn to Jesus by faith
- Today, these Jewish and Gentile Christians are the true people of God, not physical Israel

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God's patience with vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy

1. Hos 2:23, 1:10
2. 1Pe 2:9-10
3. Isa 10:21-23, 1:9
4. Gal 6:12-16

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