

Paul's Letter to the

Romans



What about the Jews

- They were chosen, elect, promised?
- But they fell away...
- Will we fall away too??? Rom 2,3
- Rom 9-11 - Concerning Jews/Gentiles
- Individuals or nations???

Paul's prayer

- The letter takes a turn
 - He turns back to 'his' people
 - Jews and Judizers had plagued him
 - Conscience, HS work together
 - Sorrow and grief in heart ~ enemies?
 - I myself cursed, for their sake ~ brethren

Paul's passion (3)

- I could wish myself accursed?
 - Paul was speaking from evangelical passion for his people (10:1)
 - Moses had done this too Ex 32:32
 - David – 2 Sam 24:17
 - What are we willing to do/endure for the salvation of the lost?

Israelites (4)

- Note the term chosen – 2Cor 11:22
- A term of honor – 7 ‘Gifts’
- Adoption; Glory; Covenants; Law; Temple; Promises; Patriarchs/Messiah
- Father’s: flesh of Jesus, yet He was God
- Over all things...

Not all Israel... (6)

- Word has not failed...
- Promise was broad... all blessed
- Natural birth is not the path...
- God looked to "lines" of faith
- Spiritual adoption applied...

Paul's insight

God chose through patriarchs

- Abraham ~ thru Isaac your descendants
- Excluding Ishmael's line ~ children of flesh
- Children of promise (8)
- Sarah's promised child
- Rebekah ~ twins
- Ps 78:66-72

Key verse -11

- Is God choosing individuals?
- Or descendants?
- God passes over 1 group for another
- His purpose will stand...
- Individual salvation or promise line?

Truths of God's Plan

- God is not choosing on “works” (11)
- “faith, which cannot be a merit, since faith consists precisely in renouncing all merit, in the humble acceptance of the free gift. Faith foreseen is therefore a wholly different thing from works foreseen.” Godet

Instruments of God

- The plan of God required lineage...
- Of Abraham, of Judah, of David...
- God chose/elected according to His plan for Messianic Promise
- Jews had claimed exclusiveness - JB!
- And now the next section...

God love / hate ? (12,13)

- What is God loving/hating?
- Gen 25:23 ~ 2 nations
 - Esau was blessed of God! Out of him...
 - Edomites! A group who rejected God
 - Num 20:18-20; 21:4 ~ refused aid
- Malachi 1:2,3 ~ not Genesis...