



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

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Lesson 14

Read Romans 9

From God's side, the foreknowledge of His Church and the election of his people is first. Yet note where this comes in experiential order of Romans. Election is last known by the believer. God initiates salvation by the election of his church. One of the most detailed explanations of election and reprobation is in this chapter.

1. Why is Paul sorrowful? (Romans 9:1-6) _____
2. Paul starts with Israel as the elect nation. How many were saved that were not part of Israel. You can name a few: Rahab the Harlot, Naaman the Syrian, etc. But they are not all _____ that are of Israel. Paul is saying that though God elected Israel, not all were true Israelites (elect). Abraham was elect and called a child of God, but just because they were Abraham's _____ does not mean all his children were saved. Look at Ishmael...unsaved. The children of the flesh (Ishmael) are not the children of God. In _____ (elect) shall thy seed be called. Not Hagar's child, but _____ shall have a son (Romans 9: 6-9).
3. Paul goes down the lineage to Rebecca next. She had twins. Before these twins were born, God had already said, "The _____ shall serve the _____." It is also written: _____ have I loved and _____ have I hated." Look at the reference. Where is that written? _____. Then Paul remarks, "Is there _____ with God." Would you say the same? We like to call this unfair. But remember, if you have sinned, you deserve no more than hell. Are you in hell? No! It is still the day of grace – what a mercy!
4. Paul goes next to Moses and Pharaoh. God said to Moses of Pharaoh, "I will have _____ on whom I will have mercy, and I will have _____ on whom I will have compassion. Remember one thing about Pharaoh: How many times did he harden his heart against God? Many. There is an end to God's patience... He will deal with Pharaoh and us (v. 15).
5. What was the purpose of God raising up Pharaoh? (This means: creating and bringing him into history at such a time as this) (See also Exodus 9: 16)

6. Prove that this happened (Joshua 2: 10,11) _____

7. Pharoah refused to bow before the Omnipotent, Creator of all the earth. He perished beneath the waves of the Red Sea, which swallowed him and all his men. Is God required to show mercy to sinners who will not bow? Therefore, Paul says, he hath mercy on whom he will have _____, and whom he will he _____ (v.18).

8. How do you think this fits with 2 Peter 3: 9b? _____

9. Election raises questions and awful thought of God. Can God be fair in choosing some and passing by others? "Nay but O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it,

_____?

Hath not the potter power over the

_____?"

God can make one vessel unto _____,

and another unto _____. Is God required to save any sinner? That he saves some... what a mercy. God has endured with much long-suffering the vessels of _____ fitted for destruction. God also makes known the riches of his glory on the vessels of _____ (His Church).

10. Then Paul quotes from the prophet _____ showing how God calls His people which before were not His (children of wrath; in bondage to sin and Satan).

11. Later, Paul quotes the prophet _____ that though the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet only a remnant shall be _____. (Remnant = a piece or part of something that is left over) Paul again quotes the prophet noting that unless the Lord left us a seed (children of God being like a seed dying in the ground) we would have been like _____ and _____.

12. Read the last few verses of Chapter 9 (v. 30-33). Why did the Gentiles attain righteousness, and the Jews not? _____

Unconditional Election: God chooses to save people unconditionally, that is, they are not chosen on the basis of their own merit. Since each person is incapable of doing any spiritually worthy actions, unconditional election is necessary for salvation. God chooses to change hearts despite the fact that those chosen hate God and oppose Him. Thus, there is no reason to boast for believers, the only thing that makes them different is God's grace.

Limited Atonement: The sacrifice of Christ on the cross was for the elect. Although Christ's life, death, and resurrection is powerful enough to save anyone and everyone, it is not universal. His work is effective (savingly applied) only to His chosen children.

Read Romans 10

We need to attain to the righteousness of the Holy Law of God. It is the only way to heaven. How can we do this? It is only by faith...

trusting in the work of Christ.

13. What is the desire of Paul's heart? _____
14. The Jews have so much zeal, but it is misplaced zeal - they sought to establish their own _____. Paul uses the name _____ (O.T. person) as the picture of the law or rather to whom men go to who seek righteousness by the law. A man may well despair of such a righteousness because it is impossible. So Paul grabs what was said of the law in Numbers 30: 11-14 and applies it to the gospel. We do not need to ascend to _____ to bring Christ down. We do not need to descend into the _____ to bring Christ (who represents the gospel) up. One may say that I need to climb up to heaven with my good works in order to be saved, but this only brings Christ down to a level with man. Others may say I need to descend into the very depths of hell in feeling my sin. This again tries to take the place of Christ in his "descending into hell." The gospel is very near or accessible to us in the preaching of Christ.
15. Then Paul sums up the gospel with the words of Romans 10: 9, "that if thou shalt _____ with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the _____, thou shalt be _____." For with the _____ man _____ unto righteousness; and with mouth confession is made unto _____ and whosoever believeth on Him shall not be _____.
16. Paul comes even lower in v. 13, "For whosoever shall _____ upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. This refers to not only prayer, but a worship, a bowing before the Lord.
17. How we need servants of God to bring this simple gospel, for how can they believe, how can they hear without a _____? How can they _____ unless they are _____ by God? Paul quotes Isaiah 52, "How _____ are the feet of them that preach the gospel of _____, that bring glad tidings of good things!
18. This exclamation mark turns to sadness expressed in the confession of Isaiah in chapter 53, "Lord who hath believed our _____? The Jews heard the precious word of God as well. Why did they not believe this report? What was God's purpose in it? _____ (Romans 10:19)
19. The Gentiles who were not seeking God heard the word of the gospel and believed. This prophesy from Isaiah 65 was fulfilled (Romans 10: 20), "I was found of them that _____ me not; I was made manifest

Irresistible Grace: The outward call to obedience (through the law) can be and is resisted and ineffective to give life to the soul. God's inward call needs nothing from man, no cooperation, no works. When God has chosen to save someone, He will! This special call or grace melts all opposition.

unto them that _____ not after Me.”

20. In contrast, God says of the Jews and so to us also, “All day long I have stretched forth _____ unto a _____ and gainsaying people.” (Gainsaying = to deny or contradict, speak against or oppose) So when God come with the gospel, this is what natural man does with it.

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: Election – Sovereign and Free by Isaac Watts

1. Behold the potter and the clay,
He forms His vessels as He please;
Such is our God, and such are we,
The subjects of His high decrees.

2. Doth not the workman’s power extend
Over all the mass, which part to choose
And mold it for a nobler end,
And which to leave for viler use?

3. May not the sovereign Lord on high
Dispense His favours as He will,
Choose some to life, while others die,
And yet be just and gracious still?

4. What if, to make His terror know,
He lets His patience long endure,
Suff’ring vile rebels to go on,
And seal their own destruction sure?

5. What if He means to show His grace,
And His electing love employs
To mark out some of moral race
And form them fit for heav’nly joys?

6. Shall man reply against the Lord,
And call his Maker’s ways unjust,
The thunder of whose dreadful word
Can crush a thousand worlds to dust?

7. But, O my soul, if truths so bright
Should dazzle and confound thy sight,
Yet still His written will obey,
And wait the great decisive day.

8. Then shall he make His justice known,
And the whole world before His throne
With joy or terror shall confess
The glory of His righteousness.