

**Romans 9:24-29 • True Israel: Jews & Gentiles**

*Everything God has created exists for his glory.*

*The ultimate purpose of creating and guiding and sustaining this world is the praise of the glory [of the grace] of God. The grace of God is most clearly seen in the crucifixion of his Son for undeserving sinners.*

*If our eternal happiness is rooted and dependent on our enjoyment and resulting praise of the glory of God then the most loving, most right thing (righteous thing) God can be about is the defense of His name, His value, His worth.*

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 8:38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Romans 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, **will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were **accursed** and **cut off from Christ** for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

Romans 9:6 But it is **not as though the word of God has failed.** For **not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,**

Romans 9:7 and **not all** are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

Romans 9:8 This means that **it is not** the **children of the flesh** who are the **children of God**, but the **children of the promise** are counted as **offspring.**

Romans 9:9 For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Romans 9:10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,

Romans 9:11 though they were **not yet born** and **had done nothing either good or bad**—in order that God’s purpose of **election** might continue, **not because of works but because of him who calls**—

Romans 9:12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.”

Romans 9:13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Romans 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? **By no means!**

Romans 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.**”

Romans 9:16 So then it **depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.**

Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very **purpose** I have raised you up, **that I might show my power** in you, and **that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.**”

Romans 9:18 So then **he has mercy on whomever he wills**, and **he hardens whomever he wills.**

Romans 9:19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? **For who can resist his will?**”

Romans 9:20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?”

Romans 9:21 **Has the potter no right over the clay**, to make out of the **same lump** one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Romans 9:22 **What if** God, desiring to **show his wrath** and **to make known his power**, has endured with much patience **vessels of wrath** prepared for destruction,

Romans 9:23 in order to **make known the riches of his glory** for vessels of **mercy**, which he has prepared beforehand **for glory**—

**The Question “O man”**: Is making **fully** known to the vessels of mercy the riches of His glory a sufficient reason, a just reason, a righteous reason, to allow for the eternal existence of vessels of wrath?

“what restrains God's will to save all people is his supreme commitment to uphold and display the **full range of his glory** through the sovereign demonstration of his wrath and mercy for the enjoyment of his elect and believing people from every tribe and tongue and nation.” **John Piper**

Romans 9:24 even **us** whom he has **called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?**

**Who is us?** True Israel, Abraham’s true offspring, children of God, children of the promise, the elect, vessels of mercy. This group is comprised of Jews and Gentiles.

Romans 2:28 For **no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly**, nor is circumcision outward and physical.

Romans 2:29 **But a Jew is one inwardly**, and **circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 9:25 As indeed he says in Hosea, “Those who were **not my people I will call ‘my people,’** and her who was **not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”**

Romans 9:26 “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called **‘sons of the living God.’”**

Hosea 2:23 and I will sow her for myself in the land. And **I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’**; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

Hosea 1:10 Yet the **number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea**, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “**You are not my people,**” it shall be said to them, “**Children of the living God.**”

Romans 9:27 And Isaiah cries out **concerning Israel**: “Though the number of the **sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved,**

Romans 9:28 for the Lord will carry out **his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.**”

Romans 9:29 And as Isaiah predicted, “If the Lord of hosts had not left us **offspring,** we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.”

Isaiah 10:22 For though your people **Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return.** Destruction is decreed, **overflowing with righteousness.**

Isaiah 1:9 **If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors,** we should have been like **Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.**

**The point: Unconditional election does not consider our human distinctions.**

Ephesians 3:4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into **the mystery of Christ,**

Ephesians 3:5 which was **not made known** to the sons of men in other generations as it has **now been revealed** to his holy apostles and prophets **by the Spirit.**

Ephesians 3:6 **This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs,** members of the same body, and **partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

Galatians 3:26 for in Christ Jesus **you are all sons of God, through faith.**

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, **for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 3:29 And **if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.**

**Summary of argument:** The word of God has not failed. Because, not all (ethnic) Israelites are part of (true) Israel and not all of the children of Abraham are his (spiritual) children. Children of the flesh are not children of God. Children of the promise are true Israel and are the true children of Abraham. They are the true children of God and therefore, heirs according to the promise. The vessels of mercy are true Israel. True Israel is comprised of a remnant of ethnic Israel and Gentiles.

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, **for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God** from every **tribe** and language and people and **nation**,

Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a **great multitude that no one could number**, from every **nation**, from all **tribes** and **peoples** and **languages**, **standing before the throne** and **before the Lamb, clothed in white robes**, with palm branches in their hands,

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: **though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow**; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Romans 9:11a not because of works but because of him who calls—

Romans 9:16 So then it **depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.**