

The Word Of [God Does Not Fail] • Romans 9:1-8

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, most clearly seen in the crucifixion of his Son for 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 worth.

In order for God to love us, it cannot be about us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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 8:38-39

Romans 9:1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 9:2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

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 3:1a Then what advantage has the Jew?

Romans 3:2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.

Romans 9:4 They are **Israelites**, and **to them belong** the **adoption**, the **glory**, the **covenants**, the **giving of the law**, the **worship**, and the **promises**.

Romans 9:5 **To them belong** the **patriarchs**, and from **their race**, according to **the flesh**, is **the Christ, who is God** over all, blessed forever. Amen.

[**Patriarchs**]

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[**The Christ, who is God**]

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

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

Genesis 21:10 So she said to Abraham, “**Cast out** this slave woman (Hagar) with her son (Ishmael), for the son of this slave woman **shall not be heir** with my son Isaac.”

Genesis 21:11 And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son.

Genesis 21:12 **But God said** to Abraham, “Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, **for** 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**.

Genesis 17:15 And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

Genesis 17:16 I will bless her, and moreover, **I will give you a son by her**. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham **fell on his face and laughed** and said to himself, **“Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”**

Romans 4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as **good as dead** (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered **the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.**

Romans 4:20 No unbelief made him waver **concerning the promise of God**, but he grew **strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,**

Romans 4:21 **fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.**

Galatians 3:6 just as Abraham **“believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?**

Galatians 3:7 Know then that it is **those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.**

Galatians 3:8 And the Scripture, **foreseeing that God would justify** the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, **“In you shall all the nations be blessed.”**

Galatians 3:9 So then, **those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham,** the man of faith.

Galatians 3:16 Now **the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring.** It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, **but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is 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 Israelites are part of Israel and not all of the children of Abraham are his 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.

*“God does not just predict what will happen.
He makes promises, and fulfills all he promises.”*

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 11:1 I ask, then, **has God rejected his people?** By no means! **For I myself am an Israelite,** a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

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Romans 11:3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.”

Romans 11:4 But what is God’s reply to him? “**I have kept for myself** seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”

Romans 11:5 So too **at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.**

1John 2:25 And this is the **promise** that he made to us—**eternal life.**

2Corinthians 1:20 **For all the promises of God find their Yes in Christ. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.**