

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1)	09 Sept. 2026.....	Romans 01	True Power
2)	13 Sept.....	Romans 02	Coming Judgment
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8)	25 Oct.....	Romans 09-10	Believe
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INTRODUCTION – ROMANS 9

- Paul continues his argument of who can receive God's grace of eternal life and who won't — not who can't

Passage	Comments
Romans 9:1	<p>Our Conscience Tells Us What Is Right – Right?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Paul invoked his conscience as bearing testimony to his true feelings, but there was a time when his conscience was 180° out of what it should have been <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Paul used to think he was doing God a favor by persecuting believers John 16:2 ♦ What turned Paul's (or anyone's) conscience around to be sensitive to God's leading? ♦ The word for conscience (lit. joint-knowledge) is only used in the NT. The conscience is our God-given faculty to know or discern good and evil (Gen 3:22) ♦ However, one's conscience could be weak (1Cor 8:12) or defiled (Titus 1:15) or evil (Heb 10:22); or shipwrecked (1Tim 1:19) or seared (1Tim 4:2) ♦ To be sensitive to the Lord's leading, we need to exercise our conscience in righteousness to develop a good conscience (Heb 13:18), a pure conscience (1Tim 3:9), a conscience purged from sin and dead works (Heb 9:14)
9:2,3	<p>Paul's Love for His Jewish Brethren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul wished it was possible for him to spend eternity in Hell instead of his Jewish kinsmen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Do we have that kind of love for our friends & family, co-workers & strangers? If we did, we would be like Paul who took time to witness to everyone.
9:6-8	<p>Stark Revelation – Not All Israel are Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This realization was a shock to the Jews that neither their Jewish lineage nor circumcision earned them entrance into Heaven. • Children of God are not those from a bloodline or by works, but those who proceed from a promise of God. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Those who proceed from Isaac, the promised son of Abraham, are God's children – vessels of honor.
9:9-24	<p>God has Mercy on Whom He Chooses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv11-12. Before Jacob & Esau did anything good or bad, God called them to specific rolls in life: "the older will serve the younger" [Calvinists love this passage] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Did God assign each of us with specific rolls to fulfill before we were born and did anything good or bad? • v13. God chose to love Jacob and hate Esau • v16. God will have mercy on whom he has mercy • v18. God hardens whom He desires • v21. The Potter (God) has the right to make some vessels honorable and other vessels dishonorable

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v23. Some are prepared for destruction Prov 16:4 • v24. ...and others are 'prepared beforehand for glory'
What Does All This Mean?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do people even have a choice to serve God or not? • Why should we witness or pray or work or even die for the lost if God is going to save whom He wants? ◀ This Is Where the Sovereignty of God Comes In ▶ • God gives us the ability to choose; God commands us to witness; God commands us to pray; and, yes, to even give our lives for the lost just as His Son did. • ...and God, being so sovereign, works His will through our choices, our prayers, and our blood, sweat, and tears to save the unsaveable – including us!
9:25-33	<p>Gentiles Should be Grateful to Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul is not finished with his line of reasoning of why many Jews missed out on the Messiah. • Yes, God has mercy on whom He has mercy; and Yes, God loved Jacob and hated Esau; and Yes, God hardens whom He desires – all hard-core Bible truths. • ...and yet God provides substantiating considerations for sealing the fate of the wicked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v32. Many Israelites willfully refused to pursue God by faith (also see Nehemiah 9:17) ♦ Heb 12:16. Esau was willfully immoral and godless ♦ Jer 19:15. God brings calamity on those who willfully harden themselves against obeying His word 1Pet 2:8 • But God leaves the door open for ALL to repent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ John 5:40. Jesus told the Jews (those who were 'not all Israel') He was willing to give them eternal life if they were willing to come to Him on His terms. ♦ Also, recall what Abraham told the Rich Man, who was suffering in Hell and who begged Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn his brothers to avoid "this place of torment." Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." In essence, Abraham said if ANYONE wants to avoid Hell, then read and heed God's word!!!

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS – ROMANS 9

- When all is said and done, God gets the glory for being sovereign over everything and everyone. That includes our salvation.
- He makes a place for those who make a place for Him in their hearts
- Yes, by God's sovereignty, He gave us the ability to choose eternal life with or without Him, and by His foreknowledge He chose us "beforehand", that is from before the foundation of the world ([Ephesians 1:4](#)) – so we should live enthusiastically for Him.
- For those who end up in Hell, they can only blame themselves. God knocks on the door of everyone's heart to come & dine[Rev 3:20](#)



INTRODUCTION – ROMANS 10

- Paul continues his argument of who can receive God's grace of eternal life and who won't (not who can't)
 - ♦ ...and it is based on first having and knowing sound doctrine
- Without knowing what is true and rightfully acting upon it gives only false hope.

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Romans 10:1-7	<p>It Is OK to Pray for People to Get Saved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Paul prayed to God for his kinsmen to get saved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God uses our prayers to accomplish His will ♦ As we saw in chap 7, we are to bear fruit, & the best fruit according to John 15:7-8 is answered prayer • v2. "They have a zeal for God, but without knowledge" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ IOW, sound doctrine is critical and crucial ♦ You can be the nicest person on earth, giving all your possessions to the poor, and still end up in Hell ♦ Consider Cornelius. He was a religiously devout man, he prayed to God continually, he gave much money to religious causes, YET he was Hell-bound. He and his household needed to hear a message, but not just any message, a special message containing sound doctrine, "by which they would be saved" Acts 10:1-2; 11:14 ♦ Most of us have Passion or Zeal. Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, Muslims, Catholics, Baptists, Methodists – all have passion and zeal for their belief systems. BUT, it is only sound doctrine that both saves and matures the hearers 1Tim 4:16 • vv3-4. Paul blames the Jews for not willfully submitting themselves to God's righteousness in Christ. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They did not know about or subject themselves to God's righteousness. They had the truth in hand (The Law), but their willful ignorance blinded them.
10:8-13	<p>God Made Getting Saved Very Easy for Many</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv9-10. 'Confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts' conveys willfully accepting Christ as our Lord. • v12. The Lord "is rich unto ALL that call upon Him" – another passage that God's salvation is open to ALL • v13. "Whosoever shall call on Christ shall be saved! – It is open to everyone, anyone, ALL <p>YET, Jesus says, "It is Hard to Enter the Kingdom"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ...especially for those who are rich Mark 10:24-25 • Fortunately, "ALL things are possible with God" • For ALL, ANYONE, EVERYONE to make it into Heaven, the simple and only qualification is to come to God as a child, totally dependent on Him, having nothing to offer for His goodness Mark 10:14-15
When Does "ALL" mean "ALL"	<p>Does ALL Always Mean Everyone or Many or Some?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In ALL cases, the meaning of ALL is context-dependent • For example, Romans 3:9 "...for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles are ALL under sin" – In this case, ALL means everyone – Jew & Gentile, elect and non-elect, male and female, young and old • Rom 3:19,23 "...and ALL the world may become guilty" for "all have sinned" – ALL means everyone • Rom 5:18 By one transgression there resulted condemnation to ALL, even so through one act of righteousness (by Christ) there resulted justification of life to ALL. (Eternal Life is made available to everyone)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rom 10:12 "...the same Lord over ALL (everyone) is rich unto ALL that call upon him (now it gets selective)
10:14-15	<p>Preaching Christ Brings Salvation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Christians believe in dispensational salvation – that is, there are different ways to get saved depending on when someone lived in history. • In reality, people come to God by only one means, through Christ, even if they lived in the pre-flood era, or during the Millennial reign of Christ..... John 14:6 • In brief, Old Testament saints looked forward to the cross by faith (Hebrews 11), and New Testament saints look back on the cross, again by faith. • In both the Old and New Testaments "the just shall live by faith"Habakkuk 2:4 and Romans 1:17
10:16-21	<p>Many in Israel Missed Out Due to Willful Unbelief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v16. "But they have not all obeyed the Gospel" • v18. "Have they not heard? Yes, they heard!" • v21. God stretched His hands continuously to a disobedient people – what more could God do?

More on John Calvin (1509-1564)

- To Calvin's credit, he was a well-educated man, and his writings are worth reading. But we must realize he was a man of his times who still had deep-seated Roman Catholic indoctrinations.
 - ♦ For instance, he believed infant baptism was crucial and it played a part in securing one's salvation.
 - ♦ He also extensively quoted Augustine who had an allegorical approach to the Scriptures.
 - ♦ So, Calvin's teachings, some good, others quite questionable, should be examined in the full light of Scripture (i.e., the Whole Counsel of God)
- **Calvin Quote.** "There is hardly anyone who does not think sometimes 'If my salvation comes only from God's election, what proof have I of that election?' When this thought dominates an individual, he will be permanently miserable, in terrible torment or mental confusion" John Calvin, [Book 3, Chap 24, Section 4](#)
 - ♦ What a sad state of a Calvinist to be 'permanently miserable' because there is no substantiated proof for their election!

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS – ROMANS 10

- If we are going to have a zeal or passion for God and His Kingdom, let's make sure our doctrine is sound. This is a life-long quest.
- **NEXT WEEK: Romans 11.** We are introduced to another Mystery! When the "fullness of the Gentiles is complete, then Israel's "partial hardening" will be removed for "ALL Israel to be saved"!

THINGS I'D RATHER DO THAN OBEY GOD



The sad truth is the wicked would rather spend an eternity in Hell than one moment before a holy and righteous God.