**GOD’S SOVEREIGN CHOICE AND MERCY**

Romans 9:1-29

Key Verse 9:16

*“It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.”*

**\*Introduction[[1]](#footnote-0)**

1. What special blessings did God bestow on the Israelites? (4b-5) Yet, why did Paul have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in his heart because of them? (1-4a) Does this mean God’s plan for Israel failed? (6-7a)
2. Abraham had many children.[[2]](#footnote-1) But why did God recon his offspring through Isaac only? (7b-9) Who are children of promise? (Gal 3:29[[3]](#footnote-2)) What does the election of Jacob reveal about God’s sovereign choice? (10-13)
3. What question did Paul anticipate (14)? How did he answer (15)? What does God’s sovereign choice depend on? (16) How did God display His sovereign power, and for what purpose (17)? Ultimately, on whom does God have mercy? (18)
4. How do people blame God (19)? Through the metaphor of a potter and clay, what did Paul teach about God and human beings (20-21)?
5. To what do objects of wrath and mercy refer, and how does God deal with each (22-24)? How does Paul demonstrate from Scripture that the Gentiles are included as objects of mercy (25-26)? That a remnant of Israel would be saved (27-29)?

1. In **chapters 1-8**, Paul taught that Jews and Gentiles alike can be saved by faith in Jesus Christ. In **chapters 9-11** Paul defends the righteousness of God in His dealings with Israel. **Chapter 9** deals with the issue of God’s sovereign choice, how he works, and his character as he carries out his salvation work. A key word is “mercy,” which is repeated six times.

   In this study we want to think about why is God’s mercy significant as He exercises his sovereign choice? [↑](#footnote-ref-0)
2. Gen 16:15; 21:2-3; 25:1-2 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
3. **Gal 3:29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)