

SERMON NOTES

Date: October 9, 2016

Title: The Riches of God's Glory (Part 1)

Text: Romans 9:6-18

Big Idea: Paul explains Israel's rejection of Jesus in light of God's sovereignty. Salvation is by God's sovereign grace, not man's free choice.

1. Has God's Word failed? (vs. 6-13)

2. Is God Unjust? (vs. 14-18)

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For the Week of October 9, 2016
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

1. Paul is about to share some hard truths. Note first his tone and disposition in Romans 9:1- 3. How would you describe it? What impact ought this tone have on our reading of the hard things ahead, or how this passage is preached or taught?
2. According to Romans 9:8, how is it that one becomes a child of God?
3. If God is love (1 John 4:8), what might it mean that God “hated” Esau (9:13)?
4. Why did God choose Isaac (not Ishmael) and Jacob (not Esau)? What does God’s sovereign election prove (9:11)?
5. Why would no one be saved if salvation were left to human free will (Jer. 13:23; Rom. 3:9-12; Eph. 2:5)?
6. According to Romans 9:17, what is God’s purpose in his sovereign acting? What are some other biblical examples of this?
7. Paul teaches that salvation is authored by God’s sovereign grace, not by human free choice. Why is this sometimes difficult teaching to accept? Why is this teaching also profoundly comforting? What questions do you still have that you need to get answered?
8. Why is it okay for the doctrines of human responsibility and divine sovereignty to remain a mystery (Deut. 29:29; Is. 55:8-9)?