



**God's Righteous Sovereign Choice
of Showing His Mercy on
Both Jews and Gentiles**

Scripture Reading:

Romans 9:21-33

INTRODUCTION

Paul expressed his burden and desire for the salvation of Israel – Rom 9:1-3, 10:1

His desire would be fulfilled by God's choosing to save a remnant by faith not only of the Jews but also of the Gentiles – Rom 9:24

God's Desire to Display His Righteous Character on the Unrighteous Mass ("lump") of Humanity (Rom 9:21-24)

- **Vessels self-fitted for ruination – vs 22**
 - Righteous wrath – cf Rom 1:18, Ps 19:1-3
 - Divine longsuffering – cf Rom 1:20
- **Vessels previously prepared for glory – vs 23**
 - To make experientially known the riches of His opinion of vessels of mercy - Eph 1:3-4
- **Vessels of mercy called out of Jews, BUT ALSO out of Gentiles – vs 24**

God's Righteous Sovereign Display of His Mercy upon Israel (Rom 9:25-29)

- Hosea's prophecy foretelling God's mercy upon Israel – vs 25-26
 - cf Hos 2:23 and 1:10
- Isaiah's prophecy of a remnant to be saved – vs 27-29
 - Always, only a remnant is saved (vs 27) – cf Rom 2:28-29, Isa 10:22-23
 - At the end of the Tribulation, an elect remnant of Israel is saved – Matt 24:22
- Isaiah's prophecy of a promised remnant – vs 29
 - Cf Isa 1:9 – a physical seed promised to Israel for
 - Perpetuation of the Jewish race
 - So that a remnant could be saved spiritually
 - So that Israel could receive God's fulfilled covenant to her

God's Righteous Sovereign Display of His Mercy upon the Gentiles (Rom 9:30-33)

- Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness laid hold of the righteousness which comes out of faith (God's righteousness) - vs 30
 - cf Rom 10:3-4, II Cor 5:21
- Because of their inherent inability to keep the Law, Israel pursued law-righteousness but did not arrive at that goal – vs 31
 - cf Gal 2:16, Rom 3:2
- Israel (as a nation), stumbled at the Rock in Sion, Jesus Christ, who came to provide righteousness – vs 32
- The one who believes upon Him will NOT be put to shame –vs 33

CONCLUSION

There is and will continue to be a remnant of Jews and Gentiles, called by unto salvation.

Today, that combined remnant is called

The Church