

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

Scripture Reading:

Romans 9:23-33, 15:8-16

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
 - Many OT prophecies of God's mercy upon Gentiles
 - Rom 15:9, cf Ps 18:49, Isa 42:6-7
 - Rom 15:10, cf Deut 32:43
 - Rom 15:11, cf Ps 117:1-2
 - Rom 15:12, cf Isa 11:20
 - Jesus' lineage included 2 Gentile women: Ruth, Rahab
 - Matt 1:5
 - Jesus' prophecy of 2 sheep folds becoming one
 - John 10:16, cf Isa 56:8

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

- Israel pursued LAW righteousness, but did not arrive at the goal because of their inherent inability to keep the whole law continually – vs 31, cf Gal 2:16, Rom 3:20
- Israel (as a nation), stumbled at the Rock in Sion - Jesus Christ - who came to provide them HIS perfect righteousness – vs 32
- The one who believes upon Him will NOT be put to shame!
–vs 33

CONCLUSION

Only by God's mercy, there is and will be a remnant of Jews and Gentiles called by God unto salvation.

That combined remnant today is called The Church

(Eph 2:13-14)