

Romans 9v19-29

- What's the next objection? Why would this be raised?
- What response is given to us? (20-21)
- How does it feel to be called mud?
- What insight do we get into the mind of God from the question in v22-24?
- What would God achieve by showing his wrath?
- What's Paul's emotion about this doctrine? (see v1-5)
- What if God didn't do this?
- What can be said about those who are saved? (25-26, 27-28, 29)
- How should the saved feel about being saved?
- What would you say to a non-Christian who said *Election* was 'not fair'? (also Romans 10:9-17 + the problem in 10v21)

Implications?

- *For your standing with God as a Christian?*
- *For evangelism?*

Further Reading:

- *J. Calvin. Institutes. Book III. XXI-XXIV.*
- *M. Horton. Putting Amazing back into Grace. (Calvinist)*
- *R. Picirilli. Grace, Faith, Free Will. (Arminian)*
- *J. Piper. The Justification of God (Advanced, Calvinist)*
- *P. Marsden & R. Forster. God's strategy in human history (Advanced, Arminian)*



The Doctrine of Election

Humble Orthodoxy

**“Enter the sacred precincts of divine wisdom,
enter the school of the Holy Spirit”**

John Calvin Institutes of Christian Religion III. XXI-XXVI:
The way we receive the grace of Christ.

Read **Romans 3v25a-26.**

- Why did Jesus die?

Read **Romans 8v28-38.**

- What is Paul talking about?
- How does this stuff feel?

Read **Romans 9v1-5.**

- How has Paul's mood changed?
- Why this change?
- What should our mood be as we approach the rest of chapter 9?

Romans 9v6-13

- What's the issue in v6a?
- Why might someone think God's word had failed? (see v4-5)
- What is the reason why God's word hasn't actually failed? (6b-9)
- Which people are God's people?
- Which of Rebecca's sons were chosen?
- On what basis were they chosen? (11a,c)
- Why was this? (11b)
- From this, how are we to understand the statement in v13?
- How might we define '*God's electing love*'?
- What do we now know about *God's purpose in election*?
- What about '*free will*'? (from this section)

Romans 9v14-18

- Why might someone perceive injustice/unrighteousness on God's part?
- What two reasons are given in v15-18?
- How is this not just arguing by shouting louder (repeating what he said in the previous section)?
- Check the context of the *Exodus* quotes -
 - Exodus 9v12-16, what is God doing with Pharaoh?
 - Exodus 32v11-14 & 33v12-16,
 - Check Exodus 32v1-6 to see what Israel did... (compare with the charge against humanity in Romans 1)
 - Why will God act to save Israel, and to go with them?
 - Can any of these motives be 'unrighteous'? Why/why not?
 - What does it mean to be righteous?
- What do we now know about *God's purpose in election*?

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