

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

NO ENTITLEMENTS

ROMANS 9:19-33

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Romans 9 continues to show the sovereignty of God in salvation by contrasting the hopelessness of the self-righteous and grace extended to the unrighteous Gentile.

GOD IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION. A self-made man worships his “creator” but not The Creator. The self-righteous person cannot see God’s sovereign hand and His merciful deliverance, but God’s child trusts that his life is for his Lord’s pleasure. (**Romans 9:19-21, fn 9:21, Psalm 100:1-5, fn 100:3[1st], fn 100:3[2nd], Isaiah 45:6-12, fn 45:7, Philippians 4:12, 13, fn 4:12, 13, Philippians 2:12, 13, fn 2:13[1st]**) *How could you live for the Lord’s purpose?*

GOD OWES NO SALVATION. “God created a world in which both his **wrath** and his **mercy** would be displayed. Indeed, his mercy shines against the backdrop of his just wrath, showing thereby that the salvation of any person is due to the marvelous grace and love of God.” ESV Study Bible, footnote for Rom. 9:22-23. (**Romans 9:22, 23, Romans 2:4, 5, fn 2:4, Romans 8:30, fn 8:29-30, John 15:16, fn 15:16, John 6:35-40, fn 6:39**) *What part did you play in your salvation?*

GOD SAVES BY FAITH the unrighteous Gentiles and only a remnant of the self-righteous Jews. “The greatest obstacle to salvation is self-righteousness...Because most Jews thought they had satisfied God by their Jewishness or their works righteousness, they felt no need for the gospel of grace through faith.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Romans 9-16 p. 50. (**Romans 9:24-33, fn 9:25, 26, fn 9:27-29, fn 9:32[1st], fn 9:32[2nd], Romans 11:1-6, fn 11:6, Ephesians 2:3-10, fn 2:10, Hebrews 11:6**) *Why does God save by faith?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.