

INTRODUCTION

- * In his letter to the believers in Rome, Paul has been presenting a persuasive argument defending his theme "the just shall live by faith."
- * After revealing that all have transgressed the righteous law of God and are therefore not "just" as a result of their own righteousness, Paul explained that salvation has never then been according to the deeds of men but rather through the expression of faith in the redemptive work of God
- * Abraham, the father of Israel was accepted by God by faith not by his works.
- * Paul then reveals the blessings which fall upon those who come by faith - eternal salvation, adoption, intercession by the Holy Spirit, justification, glorification, and preservation!
- * Though this presentation would be radical enough, Paul hasn't fully reached the climax of this persuasive speech. Today, we turn to what this all means for Israel - as a nation.

INSTRUCTION

So what does this mean ...

I. FOR INDIVIDUALS (Romans 8: 28-39)

- A. **The Purpose of Our Calling** (v. 28-29; cf. Luke 5:32; Matt 22:2-14; 2 Tim 1:8-10) ... Conformed To The Image of Christ
- B. **The Preparation of Our Calling** (v. 29; cf. 2 Tim 1:8-10; 1 Pet 1:1-2; Rom 11:2; Eph 1:5,11) ... Predestined according to Foreknowledge
- C. **The Products of Our Calling** (v. 30; cf. Luke 18:10-14; Acts 13:38-39; Rom 3:20-4:8) ... We are justified ... We are glorified
- D. **The Permanence of Our Calling** (v. 31-39; John 10:27-28; 1 John 5:11-13; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Peter 1:10)

II. FOR ISRAEL (Romans 9:1-33)

A. The P_____ of God (v. 1-13)

1. THE P_____ OF PAUL (v. 1-3)
2. THE P_____ OF ISRAEL (v. 4-5)
 - a. The Adoption (cf. Exodus 4:22; Deuteronomy 14:1; Jeremiah 31:9; Hosea 11:1)
 - b. The Glory (cf. Exodus 13:21-22) ... the pillar of fire/cloud
 - c. The Covenants (cf. Genesis 15:18-21; 17:9-21; Exodus 24:7-8; 34:27; Psalm 89:3,34; Jeremiah 31:31-37; 33:20-25)
 - d. The Giving of the Law (cf. Exodus 20:1-17)
 - e. The Service ... Temple Service (cf. Exodus 12:25; Hebrew 9)
 - f. The Promises ... (cf. Genesis 15:18-21)
3. THE P_____ OF PROMISE (v. 6-13)

B. The P_____ of God (v. 14-24)

1. THE M_____ OF GOD (v. 14-16)
2. THE S_____ OF GOD (v. 17-24; 2 Chron 20:6)
 - a. The Re_____ation (v. 19)
 - b. The Re_____ation
 - i. The De_____ive Argument
 - ii. The De_____ive Argument
3. THE W_____ OF GOD (v. 17-21; 1 Timothy 2:4)
 - * **thelhma; thelw** (Matt 26:42; John 1:13; 4:34; 6:38-40; Acts 25:9(2x); Romans 1:10; 12:2; 15:32; 1 Corinthians 1:1; 4:19; 12:18; 15:38; 2 Corinthians 8:5; 11:12; Galatians 1:4; 4:9; Ephesians 1:1,5,9,11; 5:17; 6:6; Colossians 1:1; 4:12; 1 Thess 4:3; 5:18; James 4:15; 1 Peter 3:17; 2 Peter 3:5; 1 John 2:17; 5:14; 3 John 13)

... 1 Peter 3:17 (Literally) For it is better, if the will of God wills, for doing to suffer than doing evil.
 - * **boulae; boulomai** (Acts 20:27; 25:20,22; 27:12, 42,43; 1 Cor 4:5; 12:11; Heb 6:17; James 1:18; 4:4; 2 Peter 3:9; 3 John 10; Jude 1:5)
 - * **BOTH** ... Acts 25:9(2), 20,22; 1 Cor 12:11,18; 2 Peter 3:5,9; 3 John 9-13 (v.10,13)

C. The P_____ of God (v. 25-33)

1. THE FUL_____ OF PROPHECY (v. 25-29)
2. THE FUL_____ OF THE ARGUMENT (v. 30-33):

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? WHAT ARE YOU PURSUING?
- * WHAT ARE YOU TRUSTING IN FOR YOUR SALVATION?
- * ARE YOU LIVING BY FAITH, OR ARE YOU TRUSTING IN YOUR OWN ABILITIES?
- * DOES GOD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO AS HE PLEASES WITH HIS CREATION?
- * ARE YOU TRULY CONTENT WITH THAT STATEMENT? OR IS THERE A NEED FOR REPENTANCE?

θηλημα / θελω

Matthew 26:42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your **will** be done."

John 1:12-13 ¹² "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the **will** of the flesh, nor of the **will** of man, but of God."

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the **will** of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

John 6:38-40 ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own **will**, but the **will** of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ This is the **will** of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the **will** of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Romans 1:9-10 ⁹ "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, ¹⁰ making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the **will** of God to come to you."

Romans 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect **will** of God."

1 Corinthians 1:1 "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the **will** of God ..."

1 Corinthians 4:19 "But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord **wills**, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power."

Galatians 1:3-4 ³ "Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the **will** of our God and Father"

1 Timothy 2:4 "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who **desires** all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Ephesians 1:1,4-5, 9, 11 ¹ "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the **will** of God ... ⁴ Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His **will** ... ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His **will**, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself ... ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the **counsel** of His **will**."

βουλη / βουλομαι

1 Corinthians 4:5 "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to the light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the **counsels** of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God."

1 Corinthians 12:11 "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He **wills**."

James 1:17-18 ¹⁷ "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation of shadow of truning. ¹⁸ Of His own **will** He brought us forth by the Word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."

James 4:4 "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you no know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore **wants** to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy with God."

BOTH

Acts 25:9,20-22 ⁹ But Festus, **wanting** (thelw) to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you **willing** (thelw) to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?" ... ²⁰ And because I [Festus] was uncertain of such questions, I asked whether he was **willing** (boulomai) to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters. ... ²² Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also **would** (boulomai) like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear him."

1 Corinthians 12:11, 18 ¹¹ "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He **wills** (boulomai) ... ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He **pleased** (thelw).

2 Peter 3:5, 9 ⁵ "For this they **willfully** (thelw) forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water ... ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not **willing** (boulomai) that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."