



Family preparation for congregational worship on November 12, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 9:14-33 (ESV): *“What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.’ 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, ‘For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.’ 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. 19 You will say to me then, ‘Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?’ 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— 24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? 25 As indeed he says in Hosea, ‘Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’” 26 “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’” 27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, 28 for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.” 29 And as Isaiah predicted, “If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.” 30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”*

Discuss:

1. What examples from history does Paul use to demonstrate God’s choice of blessing (vv.17-18)?
2. What right do we have to question God (vv.19-21)?
3. How have the Gentiles (non-Jews) obtained righteousness (v.30)?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that His Word is pure. Praise the Lord for the circumstances around your conversion. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for a compassionate heart. Pray for the leaders of Baptist Evangelical Church. Pray for evangelist Timothy Silcott and his wife Jane as they proclaim the gospel in different camps and church settings. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (November) *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6 (ESV)*

Music: As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

By His grace I am redeemed, by His blood I am made clean; and I now can know Him face to face.
By His power I have been raised, hidden now in Christ by faith; I will praise the glory of His grace.

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