

Paul's Concern for the Unconverted among the Regenerated Elect

Overview of Romans 9 thru 11

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I. Review of Paul's teachings concerning God's plan of eternal salvation

A. The need for God's plan for eternal salvation

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

B. The imputed righteousness of God by grace through Christ's redemption

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

C. The blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness without works

Rom 4:8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

D. Justified—Reconciled—Shall be saved

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

E. Made righteous by being in Christ

Rom 5:19 ...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

F. Eternal life by grace

Rom 6:23 ...the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G. No condemnation to them who are in Christ

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...

H. God's five step unbreakable chain of salvation

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

I. Certain justification—no possible condemnation

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Rom 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

J. God's people are inseparable from God's love

- Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. Review of Paul's urgency that the called would live their spiritual lives by faith

A. The effectual call and the gospel call

- Rom 1:6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:
Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints...

B. The gospel that empowers God's children to live their spiritual lives by faith

- Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

C. The time of revelation of the righteousness that is of God

- Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested...

D. Faith in Christ totally eliminates self

- Rom 3:27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

E. Justified by faith is to see yourself to be righteous totally by the work of Christ

- Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

F. Real faith in Christ prompts living a life by faith

- Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

G. Being justified by faith gives peace, access and hope—leads to living by faith

- Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
Rom 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

H. Faith in grace leads to living by faith

- Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

I. The difficulty in living a life by faith

- Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

J. Knowing the assurance of our eternal salvation leads to living by faith

- Rom 8:11 ...he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

K. Assurance of salvation leads to living by faith and even willingness to die for Christ

- Rom 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

III. Rom 9 thru 11: Paul's concern for the unconverted among the regenerated elect

A. Paul abruptly goes from certain assurance of victory to great heaviness

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- Rom 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
Rom 9:2 That **I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.**
Rom 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

B. Paul spends three chapters on his deep concern for his brethren—the Jews

- Rom 10:1 Brethren, **my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.**
Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a **zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.**

- Rom 11:14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are* my flesh, and **might save some of them.**

C. Has Paul forgotten that God's plan for eternal salvation by grace is foolproof?

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D. Is Paul suddenly questioning the righteousness of God and His plan of salvation?

Rom 3:5 *...Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?* (I speak as a man)

Rom 3:6 **God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world?**

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? *Is there unrighteousness with God?* **God forbid.**

Rom 9:20 Nay but, O man, **who art thou that repliest against God?** Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

E. Paul is heavy because 'spiritual Israelites' (born again Jews) have rejected Christ

1. Paul's earlier definition of a Jew (Israelite) was one who was an 'inward Jew'

Rom 2:29 But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly**; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

2. Paul continues with that same distinction between 'natural' and 'spiritual' Jews

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:**

3. Paul declares the rightness of God in electing His 'spiritual people'

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

4. The 'spiritual Israelites' who reject Christ have reason to be ashamed

Rom 9:31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

Rom 9:32 Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and **whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

5. Paul desired that these might be saved (from ignorance to understanding)

Rom 10:1 **Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.**

Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.**

Rom 10:3 For they **being ignorant of God's righteousness**, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Rom 10:4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. Christ has removed sin from you—belief can remove the shame of sin in you

Rom 10:5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Rom 10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*.)

Rom 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

7. Paul's concern is for the elect

Rom 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people **which he foreknew**. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

Rom 11:3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

Rom 11:4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of Baal*.

Rom 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is **a remnant according to the election of grace**.

8. The elect do not fall from eternal grace—but may fall from living life by faith

Rom 11:11 I say then, **Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid:** but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for **to provoke them to jealousy**.

Rom 11:12 Now if the fall of them *be* the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; **how much more their fulness?**

9. Eternal salvation is not a coming into and falling out of thing

Rom 11:14 **If by any means I may provoke to emulation *them which are my flesh*, and might save some of them.**

Rom 11:15 For if the **casting away of them** *be* the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the **receiving of *them*** *be*, but life from the dead?

Rom 11:20 Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

Rom 11:21 For if God spared not the natural branches, ***take heed lest he also spare not thee***.

10. Yet into and out of living by faith most certainly hinges on how we are living

Rom 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off**.

Rom 11:23 And they also, **if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in:** for God is able to graff them in again.

11. As far as eternity—all 'spiritual Israel' shall be saved

Rom 11:26 And so **all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, **There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**

Rom 11:27 **For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.**

Rom 11:28 As concerning the gospel, ***they are enemies for your sakes:*** but as touching the election, ***they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.***

Rom 11:29 **For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.**