

God's Vessels of Mercy
Romans 9:24–29

God's word has not failed because He is saving the vessels of mercy.
God is vindicated because He has the right to choose the vessels of mercy.

even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

- God never *calls* people to condemnation. God never *foreknows* the wicked. God does not *elect* to perish in hell.
- God's calling is His right - **Romans 9:7; 1:7; 8:28–29**
- He wills to call Jews and Gentiles His vessels of mercy - **Acts 2:39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."**

As He says also in Hosea: "I WILL CALL THEM MY PEOPLE, WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, AND HER BELOVED, WHO WAS NOT BELOVED."

"AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD."

- In both quotes from Hosea, God is referring to the nation of Israel of whom He set aside in judgment as vessels of wrath to show His glory in judging sin, so that He could then contrast His glory in bestowing grace to vessels of mercy.
- God used Hosea's relationship with his adulterous wife to illustrate His relationship with unfaithful Israel - **Hosea 1:1–9**
- God promises to reverse His judgment and restore Israel - **Hosea 1:10; 2:23**
- The Holy Spirit applies these promises to Gentile Christians who were not God's people but are now God's people - **1 Peter 2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.**

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BE AS THE SAND OF THE SEA, THE REMNANT WILL BE SAVED. FOR HE WILL FINISH THE WORK AND CUT IT SHORT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE THE LORD WILL MAKE A SHORT WORK UPON THE EARTH."

And as Isaiah said before: "UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOth HAD LEFT US A SEED, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE LIKE GOMORRAH."

- These quotations from Isaiah 10:22–23 & 1:9 prove the limitation of God's mercy.
- Rather than seeing the salvation of a remnant of Israel as a failure of God, we should see the salvation of a remnant of Israel as a great act of God glorious mercy and grace upon an undeserving people.
- The fact that Jews are a minority in the church is the same way God has worked in the past. There has always been only a remnant of the true Israel.

God calls out of both Jews and Gentiles His vessels of mercy!

Both Jews and Gentiles begin not as God's people but have now become God's people!

God has elected out of both Jews and Gentiles a remnant to be saved!

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W E L C O M E

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

Announcements

Hymn #43 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Greeting

Hymn #122 Grace Greater than Our Sin

Offering

Hymn #276 Jesus Paid it All

Hymn #623 A New Name in Glory

Message

Hymn #276 Jesus Paid it All

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

Cry room – Back of Sanctuary

Nursery 6 mo. – 3 yrs.

Debbie P./Amanda

TONIGHT 6PM

Monthly Dinner

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kid's Club

THURSDAY 10AM

Ladies Bible Study

SATURDAY 7:30AM

Men's Breakfast

Save The Date!

**CAMP
FUNDRAISER
DINNER COMING
MARCH 13TH**

Missionary of the Month

STEVE & CAROL KEJR

Steve and Carol served in Liberia from 1970 until 1997. Steve was Services Director at ELWA Ministries Association. ELWA stands for "Eternal Love Winning Africa". Since retiring, Steve and Carol have lived in the United States and serve at the SIM home office. They continue to make trips to Liberia and support the work of ELWA. That work includes supporting the radio ministry, hospital, and a school for children. Steve grew up at Village Bible Church and we have supported them for their entire ministry career.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT TO THIS MINISTRY THIS MONTH, FEEL FREE TO PUT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE MARKED ACCORDINGLY.

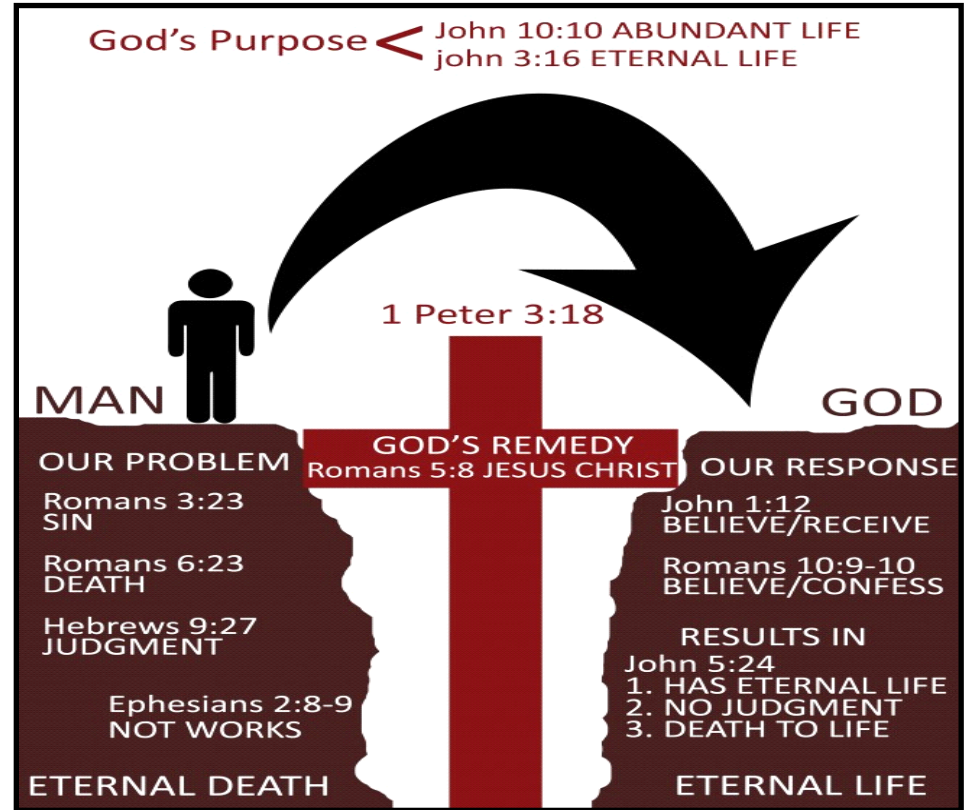
SERMON NOTES

February 13, 2022

Pastor JJ Sexton

Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People
"that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus"



Sunday Morning Sunday School
 Sunday Morning Worship Service
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have
 everlasting life.” John 3:16*