

INSIDEout Series
Part 3 Week 1
5.9.21
Romans 9

The Promise of God (part 1)

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN GOD'S DOINGS DON'T MAKE SENSE

I. The Heartbreak Experienced in Our Anguish (vs 1-5)

A. The Privileges of Israel

1. Adoption into sonship: God's people
2. Divine Glory: the visible splendor of God first filled the tabernacle, then the temple
3. The Covenants: Foundationally with Abraham, and renewed with others
4. The Receiving of the Law: the revelation of God's will
5. The Temple Worship: with prescribed practices and regulations
6. The Promises: of the future coming Messiah
7. The Patriarchs: who knew God and followed him by faith
8. The Messiah according to the Flesh: the lineage and genealogy of Jesus

B. How can a people shown so much of the story miss out on its finale?

C. Is God's Word Untrue? ...Is His Character Unjust? ...Are His Purposes Unfair?

II. The Rest Found in God's Sovereignty (vs 6-29)

A. God's Sovereignty Means He is Fully Present

In God's Purpose There is Full Alignment with His Promise (vs 6-13)

GOD'S PURPOSE STILL STANDS
AND HIS WORD HAS NOT FALLEN

B. God's Sovereignty Means He Has Full Authority

In God's Purpose There is Complete Accomplishment by His Power (vs 14-18)

GOD'S POWER WILL BE DISPLAYED
AND HIS NAME WILL BE PROCLAIMED

C. God's Sovereignty Means He Is In Full Control

In God's Purpose, You Have Been Carefully Sculpted in His Palms (vs 19-29)

GOD'S PLANS ARE INTENTIONAL
AND HIS WORKMANSHIP IS IMPECCABLE

III. The Response Found in the Reliance of Faith (vs 30-33)

30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. 32 Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. 33 As it is written:

*"See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall,
and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."*

A. That Which was Once a Pursuit of Works MUST Become a Reliance of Faith

- 1. "Not by works, but by Him who calls" -vs12*
- 2. "Not by human desire or effort, but on God's mercy" -vs16*
- 3. "Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works" - v32*

B. He Who Once was a Stumbling Stone MUST Become the Cornerstone

- 1. Jesus ...boom.*