

CHOSEN!
God's Sovereign Fulfillment of His Saving Promises • Part 1

Lesson 7

"I choose you!"

Election is biblical term that has the idea of "choosing out" and "calling out." *Romans 8:29-30 and taught in Matthew 22:14; Acts 13:48; Ephesians 1:4-6; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:1; 2 Peter 1:10*

Unconditional Election is God's choosing undeserving sinners for salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 9:11, 16, 22-25; 11:5-7*

"God elects individual persons to salvation regardless of any conditions of will, effort, desire, or ability. He is absolutely free to save whoever He so desires and He is absolutely just in His right to do so." ~Geoff Ashley

"The weight of biblical and historical evidence rests in favor of a single, unconditional election to life. This position holds that out of the mass of fallen and responsible humanity—for reasons known to himself—God in grace chose some to be saved and to permit the others to persist in their sin." ~Bruce Demarest, The Cross and Salvation

"Election is that eternal act of God, by which in His sovereign pleasure, and on account of no foreseen merit in them, He chooses certain of the number of sinful men to be recipients of the special grace of his Spirit, and so to be made voluntary partakers of Christ's salvation." ~A. H. Strong, Baptist Theologian, Systematic Theology

"Those of mankind that are predestinated to life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to his eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, has chosen in Christ, to everlasting glory, out of His free grace and love alone, without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereto; and all to the praise of His glorious grace." ~Westminster Confession 1646

"Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility." ~ Baptist Faith and Message 2000

The Crucial Question that Romans 9-11 Answers: *Has God's Word—His saving promise to Israel—failed, in light of the fact that so many Jews have rejected Christ and are doomed to eternal punishment?*

How Does the Answer Unfold?

Q1 Has God's Word veered off course and failed to reach its promised destination? *(9:6)*
Answer: *NO! God's promise of salvation is **rooted** in God's sovereign unconditional choice. (9:6-13)*

↳**Q2 Is God unfair in choosing unconditionally?** *(9:14)*
Answer: *NO! Unconditional election **reflects** the perfection of God's character in all of its fullness—especially His mercy. (9:14-18)*

↳**Q3 Is God unreasonable to hold us accountable for our choices, if no one can resist His will?** *(9:19)*
Answer: *NO! Who are we to question God? Unconditional election **reveals** the riches of God's glorious mercy against the backdrop of His longsuffering wrath. (9:19-29)*

↳**Q4 Should we conclude from all this that there is no need for faith?** *(9:30)*
Answer: *Unconditional election **results** in God's saving promises being fulfilled by grace through faith in Christ without eliminating human responsibility. (9:30-33; 11:1)*

REMEMBER, the question is being answered from a **GOD**-centered perspective and not a man-centered one!

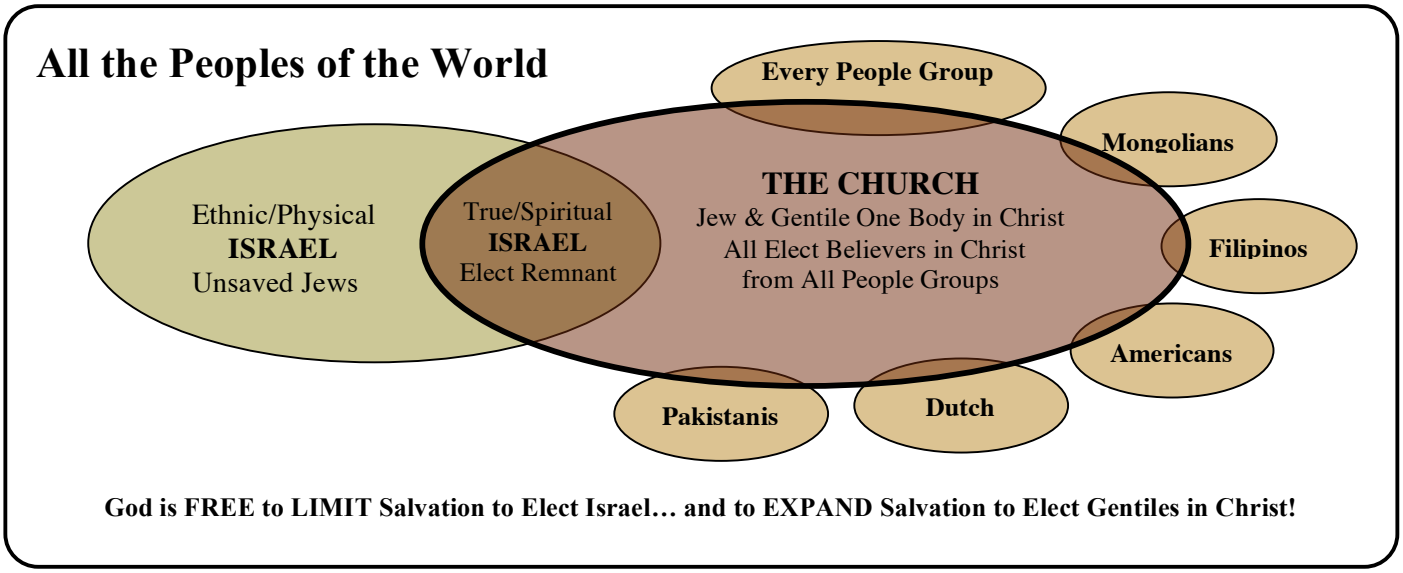
What's at Stake?

1) Eternal **SALVATION** and ***not just*** Israel's status or role as God's chosen people.

2) **INDIVIDUAL** salvation and ***not just*** the destiny of nations.

3) Salvation of **ALL PEOPLES** and ***not just*** the salvation of the nation of Israel.

God Is Free to LIMIT & EXPAND Salvation in Christ



Continue Reading Romans 9-11…

- ☐ **Day 1** *Read Romans 9:1-29 and jot down insights into divine sovereignty in Israel's past election.*
- ☐ **Day 2** *Read Romans 9:30-10:21 and jot down insights into human responsibility in Israel's present rejection.*
- ☐ **Day 3** *Read Romans 11:1-36 and jot down insights into the glorious mercy and mystery in Israel's future restoration.*
- ☐ **Days 4-6** *Repeat the above.*

NEXT WEEK
Three Reasons Why God's Has Not Failed

