

GOD'S CHOICE

Romans 9:1-29, Mark 6:1-13

1. Vocation

Romans 9:6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.

Romans 9:8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

2. Salvation

Romans 8:31-32 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

3. Our Response

Romans 9:22-24 What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Mark 6:3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. Share what you think it means to be God's children. How will you share with those who have yet to receive Jesus as their Saviour the way they too can become a child of God.
2. Share why Paul can boast about his weakness? How can our weakness be used to display God's power for bringing people to Christ?