

**Good News
Just Judgment**

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Romans 9:1-29

Big Idea: The Gospel is Good News and God is just in judging those who reject it.

The problem: Israel, God's chosen nation, has largely rejected Jesus.

The Question: "Then isn't God unfaithful?"

Answer #1: No, because the promise was always for those who respond in _____.

Psalm 115:3 *"Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him."*

God's Sovereignty: God does whatever God wants to do.

Malachi 1:2-3

Answer #2: No, because God has been _____ and _____ with people who are _____ to Him.

Discussion Question: Where is God showing you patience and mercy right now, and how is He calling you to repent?

For more on God's Sovereignty, check out the First Look episode "God's Sovereignty and Free Will" from June 2, 2021. Find links to listen or watch at alderwood.cc/messages.

Sermon questions

We're in a series in the book of Romans called Good News where we are studying the many ways that the gospel is good news for everyone. This week, our passage is **Romans 9:1-29**, and we learn that the gospel is good news and God is just in judging those who reject it.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. After reading the passage and listening to the message, what is clear and what is unclear to you about what this passage means?

2. Read **Romans 9:13** and **Malachi 1:1-3**. What is Paul's point in the story of Jacob and Esau?

3. Read **Jeremiah 18:1-10** and then go back and reread **Romans 9:19-24**. How does Jeremiah 18 help you understand Paul's point in Romans 9?

4. What does it mean that God is sovereign? (See **Psalms 115:3**). How can you **grow** in trusting God and not trying to control what only He can control?

5. Have someone read **vs. 1-3**. Have you experienced any of the emotions Paul describes about anyone who has rejected Christ? Spend some time praying that God would use you to **go** and share the gospel with those who still need to respond to Jesus.