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## **God's Sovereign Word**

### **Romans 9:6-14**

#### **Introduction**

- Real life brings real questions
- Why are so few saved?
  - **Matthew 7:13-14**

#### **Paul's Confident Hope: God's Promises Can Never Fail - (v. 6a)**

- Hope lies not in man's unbelief but in God's Word - **Joshua 21:45; Heb. 10:23**
- Hope lies not in man's will but in God's will - **Jeremiah 17:5-8; Proverbs 16:3**
- Hope lies in God's promises, not our failures - **John 6:63-64; 2 Timothy 2:11-13**

#### **Paul's Bold Claim: Not All Israelites Are True Israelites (vv. 6-9)**

- Spiritual kinship, nor ethnic origin, determined who was a true Israelite - **Romans 2:28-29; Galatians 6:15-16**
- Physical history teaches us spiritual truth
  - The children of flesh = Abraham + Hagar = Ishmael - **Genesis 21:12**
  - The children of promise = Abraham + Sarah = Isaac - **Galatians 4:23; Romans 8:14-31; 1 Corinthians 1:9**

#### **Paul's Historical Proof: God Chose The Promised Seed (vv. 10-13)**

- Salvation is not based on lineage, heritage, or works - **Genesis 25:19-23**
  - Why was Jacob chosen over Esau?
- Salvation is rooted in God's purposes as seen in God's choices
  - Election = to deliberately choose someone - **Acts 2:23-24, 36-39; 4:24-31**
- But what about this divine love and divine hate? - **Malachi 1:1-2**
  - On what basis did God make such a distinction?
    - Not on lineage or heritage
    - Not on works or merit

*"What counts is grace, not race." - N. T. Wright*

- **Romans 8:28-30**

#### **So What?**

- How can we resolve God's sovereign right to choose with our responsibility to make meaningful choices?

- Why am I saved? Am I relishing in the triumph of grace?
    - **Ephesians 1:3-10; 2:8-9**
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### **Now What? (Growth Group Discussion)**

- Read **2 Samuel 9**. Who was Mephibosheth? Recall the story.
- What should have happened to him, once Saul was dead? What did Mephibosheth expect?
- How did David treat him? What can we learn about God's covenant grace? (**2 Samuel 9:7**) How does this story mirror your salvation and position in God's family? (**Ephesians 1:3-10**)