

The Gospel of Paul (15)

What Grieves Paul

Romans 9:1-13

Intro: A Change in Tone

I. Paul's Distress (v. 1-5)

II. God's Promise (v. 6-13)

Conclusion: God is in Control

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As you think about 'your own people', does it grieve you to see people rejecting Christ, or have you grown numb to it? Be honest. What might God be showing you through today's text?
2. Israel was trusting in their 'biological descent' for salvation, but Paul says that FAITH is the required element. What things do you see people trusting in today that will not ultimately result in salvation?
3. Paul contrasts God's Sovereign Choice (aka election, predestination) with WORKS... but not with faith. In other words, faith is not the opposite of predestination. How do you personally view the relationship between God's Sovereign Choice and Human Faith in the salvation process? (This is the old predestination vs free will argument ... PD will talk more about this next week but give this some thought on your own first.)