

Sunday, November 13, 2022 - "Romans - Week 9 - The Principle, The Theology, The Example: Romans 9:1-19, 30-33" -Bryce Gray

Key Passages: Romans 9:1-19, 30-33, Romans 3:10, 20-22, Romans 10:1-3, Ephesians 1:4-5, 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, 1 Chronicles 7:14-15

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

#### Main Ideas

- Romans 9: The principle, the theology, and the example
- The Principle
  - Trying hard to be good is not the ticket - Romans 3:10,20-22
  - Not hard to understand but easy to stumble over
  - **We don't strive to earn our way into God's good graces and thus Heaven...rather, we recognize it is hopeless and, by faith in Jesus' death in our place, we receive God's righteousness on our behalf**
  - How do we know if we have saving faith or just rely on ourselves?
    - Do we show our resume to get into Heaven?
    - Or is Jesus' righteousness our only hope?
- The Theology (free will vs. God planning it all in advance)
  - Does God pre-plan who has faith and who doesn't ("who gets in and who doesn't")?
  - Romans 9:11-13, 16-18 - Ephesians 1:4-5
  - 1 Timothy 2:4 (do we ever really choose God on our own?)
  - Outside the gates of Heaven, a sign that reads "Whosoever will, may come" (John 6:44)
  - Inside of Heaven, a sign that reads "You were chosen before the foundation of the world"
  - It takes God spark for us to respond to him
- The Example
  - Paul wasn't calloused, his heart ached
  - 1 Corinthians 9:19-22, Romans 11:13-14
  - Paul believed that his actions could move people closer to saving faith
- Paul's heart is in aguish for the spiritual well being of the people he loves
- 1 Chronicles 7:14-15
  - We are all temples of the Holy Spirit
  - We are chosen
- Principle = Faith saves, not works
- Theology = All are loved and welcomed, but we need to exercise faith in order to receive God's gift
- Example = Are the right things breaking your heart?

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does to mean to you that you were chosen before the foundation of the world?
2. What does your heart ache for? For those you love and for the world?
3. How is God calling you to tae part in moving people closer to a saving faith?
4. How can you change the way you think and act to align your heart with God's?
5. When has God broken your heart for the things that break his heart?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan\*\***

**Mon: Ruth 2 Tues: Ruth 3 Wed: Ruth 4 Thurs: Esther 1 Fri: Esther 2**

**Songs from the weekend: [Lion and the Lamb - *Leeland*] - [There's No Other Name - *Bethel Music*] - [Nothing but the Blood] - [O Praise the Name - *Hillsong Worship*]**