

The Glory of God in the Salvation of Sinners (Part 4)

The Plan: God's Choice

Sermon Questions

1. We know from the Bible that not everyone is going to be saved, even though God is powerful enough for God to save everyone. (Yes/No)
2. Which question have you asked before?
 - a. Does God try to save as many people as he can?
 - b. How can God be glorified in the eternal punishment of people?
 - c. Is it because of human free will that not everyone is saved or is it God's choice?
 - d. Can man and his choice thwart God's plan?
 - e. How can God be fair if man is not the ultimate determiner of his own fate?
3. Do you agree with this statement: "Salvation is because of God's plan, not good works, not heritage, or anything in man." (Yes/No)
4. Verses 6–13 are referring to God's choice affecting nations only, not individuals. (Yes/No)
5. God chose Jacob because Jacob was more righteous than Esau. (Yes/No)
6. God is free to show mercy on whomever he desires to show mercy. (Yes/No)
7. God desires to show his wrath and power on vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory. (Yes/No)
8. I understand what the text says, but I don't like it. (Yes/No)
9. Is there other questions you have about today's sermon that was not answered?

Lunch Conversation Starters

1. What were the points in today's sermon that challenged you?
2. What were the points in today's sermon that encouraged you?
3. What questions or concerns do you have from today's teaching?

Heeding God's Word Today and This Week

"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

1. **Today:** If today's teaching was new to you, it likely shocked you. Why is that? God's complete control over all things is such an affront to our self-importance, our freedom and autonomy and pride. Consider that when we embrace this truth, what comfort, what humility, what worship it produces in our hearts to know that an all-loving, all-powerful God is in control of all things.
2. **This Week:** Meet a fellow church member for coffee (or before work or during lunch break) or give them a call. Read Romans 8:28–39 together. Why is the truth we learned in Romans 9:6–24 so important to have confidence in the promises in chapter 8? How does contemplating God's sovereignty increase our trust in God's faithfulness? End by asking them how you can pray for them to live for Christ and others this week. Pray for one another.
3. **This Week:** For more details on this topic, consider the essay written on the topic of God's sovereignty and human responsibility found online at:
<http://www.fairviewbaptistchurch.ca/divine-sovereignty-human-responsibility/>