**Romans: Chapter 9**

I. Romans 9 – Challenging, Misunderstood, Misused

II. Difficult Concepts

* v. 8 - That is, those who *are* the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.
* v.11-13 …the children not yet being born, nor having done good or evil…Jacob I have loved, but Esau have I hated.
* v.15-16 – I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy…
* v.17 …for this very purpose I raised you up…
* v.18 …Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.
* v.19-20 …O man, who are you to reply against God…
* v.21 …does not the potter have the power over the clay…

III. Necessary Presuppositions

1. Concerning God:

* Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
* Job 41:11 – Who has preceded Me, that I should pay *him?* Everything under heaven is Mine.
* Psalm 24:1 – The earth *is* the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.
* Ezekial 18:4 – “Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die
* Psalm 10:16 – The Lord *is* King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land.
* Psalm 22:28 – For the kingdom *is* the Lord’s, And He rules over the nations.
* Psalm 47:2 – For the Lord Most High *is* awesome; *He is* a great King over all the earth.
* Psalm 95:3 – For the Lord *is* the great God, And the great King above all gods.
* 1 Chronicles 16:28-29
* Isaiah 42:8 – I *am* the Lord, that *is* My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.
* Isaiah 43:7 – Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”
* 1 Corinthians 10:31 – Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1. Concerning Man

* Genesis 2:17 – but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+2%3A17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-48a)] shall surely die.”
* Romans 1:32 – who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.
* Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin *is* death, but the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+6%3A23&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28092a)]gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.