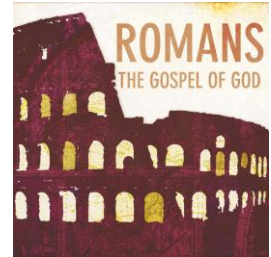




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Date: 21-Jul-2013
Speaker: Nathan Walter
Service: 6.45pm
Bible References: Rom 9:1-29
Series: Romans 9-16 - (645)
Title of talk: The Sovereign Mercy of God

Notes from the Talk

Problems with the Gospel

Israel's 'failure' does not mean god's word has failed

The Problem: Israel's failure to accept Christ (9:1-5)

The Answer: God's word has not failed (9:6-13)

- Principle: not all the descendants are the children (9:6b-7a)
- Proof 1: Isaac not Ishmael (9:7b-9)
- Proof 2: Jacob not Esau (9:10-13)

Salvation always rests on God's sovereign choice

Questions about God and his character

'Is God unjust?' Not at all (9:14)

- He is merciful to those he saves (9:15-16)
- He is just to those he hardens (9:17-18)

'Why does God still blame us?' (9:19)

- God's rights and our non-rights (9:20-21)
- Reasons that justify God's sovereign actions
 - o The revelation of his wrath and power (9:22)
 - o The revelation of his glory and mercy (9:23-29)

God's sovereign choice to save is the great expression of his mercy