

Remember, God keeps us right with God.

## “Why? Because God chooses to be merciful”

Romans 9:1 to 29

### It’s OK to be concerned for the salvation of others

Verses 1 to 5

The Apostle Paul was – for his people the Jews.

Verses 1 to 4a.

It’s easy to understand knowing what they could gain.

Verses 4b to 5.

### We may think God has failed but He hasn’t

Verses 6 to 13

God knows those who He has saved.

Verse 6 to 7a.

He has a plan hidden from us.

Verses 7b to 13

### We may think God is unjust but He’s not

Verses 14 to 18

He’s better than just he’s merciful.

Verses 14 to 16.

God will always do what is good and just.

Verses 17 and 18.

### We might get frustrated with God but we shouldn’t

Verses 19 to 29

God knows better than us.

Verses 19 to 21

The way He saves is something to be glad about

Verses 22 to 29

*Be concerned for the salvation of others trusting what we know of God.*

## A Bible Study – Romans 9:1-29

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In Chapters 9 to 11 Paul writes of the plan and purpose for Jews in God’s salvation of mankind. He does so, drawing on their past, emphasising the mercy of God promoting humility, gratitude and uniting between all Christians both Gentile and Jewish to the glory of God. It is helpful that you read all three chapters together in one reading before coming to Bible Study.

**Begin with prayer asking God to continue to teach you of Himself from his word.**

#### Just for starters:

To begin with ask yourself these questions, taking each in turn:

Is our understanding of what is ‘good’ greater and better than God’s? Why?

Can God do anything that is not good? Why?

Will God do anything that is not good? Why?

Can God do anything that is not just? Why?

Will God do anything that is not just? Why?

**Quietly read to yourself:** Romans 9:1-29

#### Go through the following questions:

1. Reread aloud verses 1 to 5. Who was Paul concerned about? Why? (See also Chapter 10:1) Do you have the same concern?
2. Reread aloud verses 6 to 13. Has God’s word failed to been told to the Jews? What reason does Paul give?
3. Reread aloud verses 14 to 18. What question does Paul ask? What is his answer? What do you understand “mercy” to mean? (Consider: Isaiah 55:7; Micah 7:18; Hosea 6:6; Ephesians 2:4; 1 Peter 2:10)
4. Reread aloud verses 19 to 29 noting the word ‘power’ in verse 22 is a reference to God power to save (Romans 1:16,17). What question does Paul ask? Is this a question you’ve asked at some time? What answer does Paul give?
5. What have you learnt about God from these verses?

**Close with prayer thanking God for what you have learnt.**

**In preparation for next week’s Bible Study** read ahead Romans 9:30-10:21

*This Bible Study is such that it can be done on one’s own or with others in a Bible Study Group - even around the table at home. It’s designed to help you to remember the sermon, grow in your knowledge and love of God, appreciate your fellowship with other believers and to take your part in the life of the Church as followers of Jesus Christ - Trevor Young – Senior Minister Abbotsford Anglican*