

# Romans

God's Sovereign Choice ([Romans 9:1-29](#)) (1/2)

## Introduction

Here's our (partial) outline of the book of [Romans](#) (summarized from the ESV's outline):

- ✓ Paul's Introduction & Righteousness Introduced ([1:1-17](#))
- ✓ Righteous Wrath ([1:18-3:20](#))
- ✓ Saving Righteousness ([3:21-4:25](#))
- ✓ Righteous Freedom ([5:1-8:39](#))
- 5. Righteousness → Jews ([9:1-11:36](#))

## Read: God's Sovereign Choice (9:1-29)

## Explain: God's Sovereign Choice (9:1-29) (1/2)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

**1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience** [co-perception, moral consciousness, conscience] **bears me witness** [present active participle; to testify jointly, corroborate by concurrent evidence, testify unto, bear witness with] **in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have** [present middle indicative] **great** [big, exceedingly, great, high, large, loud, mighty, sore afraid, strong] **sorrow** [sadness, grief, heaviness, sorrow] **and unceasing** [unintermitted, permanent, without ceasing, continual] **anguish** [grief, dejection, sorrow] **in my heart. 3 For I could wish** [imperfect (action continually or repeatedly happening in past time) middle indicative; wish, pray, \_\_\_\_\_] **that I myself were accursed** [present middle infinitive; banned, excommunicated, accursed, anathema, cursed] **and cut off from** [away from, separation, departure, cessation, completion, reversal] **Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen** [relative, countryman, cousin, kinfolk, kinsman] **according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption** [the placing as a son, adoption of children, adoption of sons], **the glory, the covenants** [disposition, contract, will, covenant, testament], **the giving of the law** [legislation, giving of the law], **the worship** [ministration, worship, divine service], **and the promises** [announcement, message, promise]. **5 To them belong** [present middle participle] **the patriarchs** [fathers, parents], **and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is** [present middle participle] **God over all, blessed forever. Amen** [firm, trustworthy, surely, so be it, amen, verily].

**6 But it is not as though the word** [*logos*] **of God has failed** [perfect (completed action with the results continuing) active indicative; dropped away, driven out of its course (like a golf cart driven off the cart path), lose, become inefficient, be cast away, fail, fall away, fall off, take none effect]. **For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are** [present middle indicative] **children** [children, daughters, sons] **of Abraham because they are his offspring** [*sperma*; seed, offspring, remnant, issue], **but** [[Genesis 21:12](#)] **“Through Isaac shall your offspring** [*sperma*] **be named** [future middle indicative].” **8 This means that it is** [present middle indicative] **not the children** [children, daughters, sons] **of the flesh who are the children** [children, daughters, sons] **of God, but the children** [children, daughters, sons] **of the promise** [announcement, message, promise] **are counted** [*logizomai*; present middle indicative; taken inventory, estimated, concluded, esteemed, imputed, numbered, reasoned, reckoned] **as offspring** [*sperma*]. **9 For this is what the promise** [announcement, message, promise] **said:** [[Genesis 18:10](#)] **“About this time** [occasion, proper time, opportunity, season, time, while] **next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son** [child, son].” **10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived** [present active participle; couch, cohabitation, bed, chambering, conceive] **children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born** [aorist middle participle; procreated, regenerated, born, beget, brought forth, conceived, delivered, gendered, made, sprung] **and had done** [perform repeatedly, habitually, execute, accomplish, collect, fare, commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts] **nothing either good** [benefit, good, well] **or bad** [foul, flawy, wicked, evil]—**in order that God's purpose** [setting forth, proposal, intention, the show bread as exposed before God, purpose, showbread] **of election** [selection, chosen, election] **might continue** [present active subjunctive (probability or possibility); stay, abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry], **not because of works** [works, toils, effort, occupation, act, doing, labor] **but because of him who calls** [present active participle]— **12 she was told** [aorist middle indicative; flow], [[Genesis 25:23](#)] **“The older** [larger in age, elder, greater, more] **will serve** [future active indicative; be a slave, be in bondage, do service] **the younger** [smaller in age, less, under, worse, younger].” **13 As it is written,** [[Malachi 1:2-3](#)] **“Jacob I loved** [*agapao*; aorist active indicative], **but Esau I hated** [aorist active indicative; detest, love less, hate].”

## Homework

- Write down what [Romans 9:14-29](#) says and think about the implications of those statements.
- Extra credit homework: review [Exodus 33; 8-9; Isaiah 28-29; Hosea](#)
- Thought to keep in mind: God never got off His path.