Election and Reprobation Examined

Sermon 11 in the Doctrines of Grace Series

Romans 9:1-33

What is Libertarian Free Will?

- 1. Man is free to act contrary to His nature.
- 2. Man is free from any predetermination by God.

Their main argument is -how can God be just and at the same time hold a man morally responsible for his sin -if man doesn't have a total free will and the ability to do exactly what God commands?

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A. Paul's Love for his Countrymen 1-3

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Romans 3:1 – "What advantage has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?"

- 1. Who are Israelites 2. The adoption Exo 4:22; 19:5; Hosea 11:1
- 3. The glory 4. The covenants 5. The giving of the law
- 6. The service of God 7. The promises 8. The Fathers

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D. The Word of God has not Failed 6-8

The promise of God to Israel has not failed. There is and always has been A REMNANT – 11:1, 5

E. The Promise and Purpose of God 9-13

- v. 11 -- the purpose of God according to election might stand.
 - 8:28 purpose is effectual calling
 - 9:11 purpose is election

He loved Jacob – before his birth – before he had done anything.

He hated Esau – before his birth – before he had done anything.

God is love – and God is a consuming fire.

What are imperfect and changeable emotions for us are unchangeable Perfections is God. God is transcendent.

Two questions that Paul was no doubt asked many times as he preached the gospel – by opponents and by those sincerely questioning.

II. Question One

Does this make God Unrighteous? 9:14-18

- A. An Emphatic "NO!"
- B. The Examples of Moses and Pharaoh

III. Question Two

If God is Sovereign, how can He hold Man Responsible? 19-24

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The inspired NT writers are our best guide in interpreting the OT.

v. 25 – Hosea 2:23 v. 26 – Hosea 1:10 v. 27 – Isaiah 10:22 v. 28 – Isaiah 10:22, 23 v. 29 – Isaiah 1:9 v. 33 – Isaiah 8:14; 28:16