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**Introduction**

- I. The question for Paul in this chapter is why are there so many Jews who have heard the promises of God in the OT Scriptures and don't believe in Jesus Christ?
- II. Paul demonstrates that God's promises are not for all children born to believers or born in the sphere of the covenant.

**Election in the Covenant**

**2. Sovereign Election**

**I. The Powerful Illustration**

- A. All spiritual differences between Jacob and Esau were a result of election and reprobation. This is what the words in vs. 12 are getting: the elder shall serve the younger.

- B. Jacob and Esau serve as the most powerful illustration of election and reprobation cutting through the line of the covenant.

**II. The Unconditional Character**

- A. This means God's choice was sovereign and not dependent on their works (vs. 11).

- B. What this teaches us is that God's covenant then is unconditional and gracious.

**III. The Sovereign Purpose**

- A. God determines the eternal destiny of all people - this is personal and individual, but God chooses His people to be part of the church.

- B. God's sovereign purpose results in salvation for His people.