

Is God Unjust?
Romans 9:14-18

Paul answers the objection in Romans 9 by proving that God's OT promises are to _____

"Spiritual Israel" is comprised of _____ among the descendants of Abraham

Thus Paul answers the objection in Romans 9:6 by establishing the doctrine of _____

The doctrine of personal election raises a 2nd question; we'd state the question in verse 14 today in these words:

I. GOD HIMSELF IS THE DEFINITION OF JUSTICE (OR RIGHTEOUSNESS) 9:14

We would paraphrase Paul's first answer: _____

A. Human beings cannot really _____ justice.

1) Dictionaries define justice or righteousness in terms of _____

2) Or we might find justice defined as that which conforms to the _____ of rightness

3) But the standard of rightness or justice IS _____

B. If there is a standard of justice above God, to which He must conform, then _____

When we find ourselves questioning God, our response ought to be _____

II. ELECTION IS A MATTER OF GOD'S MERCY, NOT HIS JUSTICE 9:15-16

A. "Paul's method of defending God's justice is to proclaim God's _____" *John Stott*

1) "It sounds like a complete *non sequitur*." *Non sequitur* is Latin and means _____

2) Paul's *non sequitur*: God is not unrighteous because he is _____

3) If God deals with man based on justice or fairness, then all men will be equally miserable in _____

B. God bestows mercy on whomever He wills; salvation is always a _____ not an _____

1) Some Christians refuse to grant God the right to give a gift to _____

2) Jesus told a story about our human tendency to misunderstand this issue in Matthew 20:1-16

a) Jesus explains in verse 16 that this story is about _____

b) In the story the landowner insisted on his right to _____

c) The landowner described his motives as _____

III. GOD'S JUSTICE IS DISPLAYED IN HIS JUDGMENT OF SINNERS 9:17-18

A. God judged Pharaoh by hardening his _____ heart

1) God is just as free to _____ as He is to elect a person to salvation

2) However, God never predetermines to make a person a _____ so that He can then judge him

3) When God freely determined to harden and judge Pharaoh it was an instance of His _____

God often judges by letting people _____

B. Judgment of sinners is one of the ways that God displays His _____

1) It is incorrect to assume that God can only be glorified by displaying his mercy in _____

2) God is glorified in revealing every part of His holy nature, including his response to _____