

Children of the Promise – Romans 9:6-13
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Introduction

- What do most people think the world revolves around?
- What is this morning's passage going to do to that sort of attitude?
- God had made lots of promises to the Jews, but most of the Jews of Paul's day had rejected him. Has God's word fallen (**v6a**)?

The Passage

- What is Paul's proof that God's word has not fallen (**v6b**)?
- What is the distinction between "physical Israel" and "spiritual Israel"?
- Did God ever plan the individual salvation of every member of the Israelites?
- If not, what did he do?
- Do God's promises apply to physical Israel or to spiritual Israel?

Example One

- Whose example does Paul use in **v7-9** as he seeks to prove his point?
- Are all who are physically descended from Abraham his true offspring?
- What caused Isaac to be regarded as Abraham's true offspring?
- To sum up Example One, it's not _____ that counts; it's _____.

Example Two

- Whose example does Paul use in **v10-13** as he seeks to prove his point?
- When did God differentiate between Esau and Jacob?
- What does Malachi mean when he speaks about God loving Jacob but hating Esau?
- On what basis did God choose Jacob rather than Esau?
- So how can Paul say that God's word has not fallen?

Lessons

God chooses who will be Christians

- Is it a popular teaching that God chooses who will be Christians?
- List three passages which talk about the Doctrine of Election
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
- How does **Romans 3:10-18** prove that God had to choose us if we were to be saved?
- Does that mean that nobody chooses to become a Christian?
- What has happened inside someone who chooses to become a Christian?

God chooses who will be Christians but not on the basis of anything in us

- How do some people attempt to get round the Doctrine of Election?
- How does Example Two show that that is not right?
- Does God have reasons why he chooses some and not others?

The Doctrine of Election humbles us

- What will stop someone accepting that God chooses who will be Christians?
- Given that we do not contribute to our salvation, what will we not be doing in heaven?
- Given that we do not contribute to our salvation, what will we be doing in heaven?
- How should the Doctrine of Election affect the way we view Christians who seem to be better than us?
- How should the Doctrine of Election affect the way we view Christians who seem to be beneath us?
- How should the Doctrine of Election affect the way we view non-Christians?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian?

Conclusion

- Which verse talks about whether the Doctrine of Election is fair or not?