

## Romans 9:1–10:4

### 1. (9:1–5) No Greater Sorrow

### 2. (9:6–10:4) No Greater Solace

#### RESOLVE (9:6a): God's word has not failed.

a. **RECIPIENTS** (9:6b–13): A remnant chosen by grace, not human effort  
(compare Romans 2:28–3:4)

b. **ROOT** (9:14–21): God's will, not yours

Injustice? By no means!

*Example:* exodus generation and Pharaoh (14–18)

*Analogy:* potter and clay (19–21) [who God is relative to who you are (ontology)]

*Compatibility of God's utter sovereignty and humanity's genuine agency (thus responsibility)*

*"Foreknowledge" as "know about beforehand" or "fore-love/foreordain"?*

How do you reconcile **"the will of God"** as it is described in these two passages?

1. "... [God] hardens whomever he wills" (Romans 9:18)
2. "[God] ... desires/wills all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 4:2)

"God's will" involves two elements: "will of decree" and "will of command"

- "Will of decree" = what God sovereignly ordains to happen ("secret" will); cannot be broken
- "Moral will" = what pleases God in conformity to Scripture's instruction ("revealed" will; "will of command"); can be broken

EXAMPLE: Peter at Pentecost: "... this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."

Will of decree | Will of command

God's sovereignty; Human agency/responsibility

\*So, why if God desires/wills all people to be saved, why aren't all people saved?

Into which category of "God's will" does *election* fit?

Into which category of "God's will" does a person's *initial repentance* fit?

c. **REASON** (9:22–29): To publish God’s wrath and power in judgment, and especially to publish the riches of his glory upon the predestined, multinational remnant in salvation (*compare Romans 4:11–14*)

d. **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (9:30–10:4): Attained by faith, not works of the law

Salvation in Christ fulfills the law—it is the goal to which the Old Testament has always pointed and, in its inauguration of the new-covenant age, concludes the old-covenant age.

### 3. (10:5–11:36) No Greater Strategy

#### WFW 2026 Resolutions

How are you planning to make progress this coming year in:

(1) Partnering as family in the mission of praise (*worship*)

(2) Partnering as family in the mission of proclamation (*evangelism and disciple-making*)

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**At Your Tables:** Discuss Questions 6, 9, and d  
Conclude in Word-filled prayer for loved ones who presently are rejecting Christ