

Romans 9:6-8

Not All Israel

*“Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect.
For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:”*

~ Romans 9:6

1. Rom 9:6 – Without Effect

- a. Our verse tonight is used as a hinge verse for errors that make us Israel.
- b. We are going to look at some tree bark. We don't want to forget the forest.
- c. The beginning ideas of this passage goes back to Romans 1-3
 - i. Rom 1:16 Paul's concern is the salvation of Jew and Greek. ← Rom 9:1-3
 - ii. Rom 2:28-29 - Not a Jew because of outward, but inward spirit and heart
 - iii. Rom 3:1-2 - What's their advantage? Much oracles (word of God)! ← Rom 9:4-5
 - iv. Rom 3:3 - *“shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?”*
 - v. Did God's promises, covenants, blessings to Israel have no effect?
 1. Does faith void the law? No (3:31), but by law makes promise void (4:14)
 2. Rom 9:6 - “Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect.” No.
 3. Rom 9 - Not all Israel receives the promise (flesh/works not a guarantee)
 4. Rom 10 - They stumbled at Christ and faith for righteousness.
 5. Rom 11 - Israel is not cast away - God will keep his promises to them.
 - vi. We have already learned about salvation in Rom 3-5, by grace through faith.
 1. Now, Paul is explaining how Israel will be saved by grace through faith.

2. Romans 9:6 – Not All Israel

- a. Only in Rom 9-11 does Paul use the word “Israel” (no Jew or Gentile in Rom 4-8)
 - i. So what? Israel speaks to the nation (from Jacob), not only religion/language
 - ii. *“They are not all Israel”* (Rom 9:6) speaks to “all Israel” not saved yet -Rom 11:26
- b. *“they are not all Israel, which are of Israel”* ← Used to make us Israel. How?

Define the options and try putting it on to see if it fits.

Flesh Israel = born Israel; Spiritual Israel = born again (believing) Israel.

<u>“They are not all...”</u>	<u>“which are of...”</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
i. Flesh Israel	Spiritual Israel	Spiritual Israel includes Gentiles
ii. Spiritual Israel	Flesh Israel	Only a remnant is spiritual Israel
iii. Flesh Israel	God's word thru Israel	Gentiles partake/benefit

- c. It must answer how Israel's unbelief does not make God's word none effect.
- d. It must explain an Israel in unbelief that will return to fulfill promises in Rom 11:26-29.
- e. Problems with #1 – Israel fulfilled as the church (Jew and Gentile)
 - i. Paul calls his unbelieving advantaged kinsmen Israel - 9:1-5
 - ii. Israel would not need to return if Israel were already saved in the church - 11:26
 - iii. The church is not a remnant of anything, but believing Israel is - 11:5-7
- f. How one be of Israel and not be Israel? Lack belief, or be in a Body that is not Israel.

3. Romans 9:7-8 – Seed of Abraham

- a. The context helps greatly with understanding verse 6.
- b. 9:7 - *“Neither... ”* - You can be Israel and not get it, Abraham’s seed and not get it.
- c. *“seed of Abraham”* – Abraham had more than one child, all were circumcised (flesh)
- d. His seed promised to multiply, but not every seed gets the same blessing - Ge 17:20-21
- e. *“In Isaac...”* - The promise was not to “all thy seed”, but “in thy seed” - Ge 21:9-12
 - i. This means: 1) it cannot be you; 2) It can’t be Islam, 3) It is by promise not flesh.
- f. 9:8 – *“That is,...”* – This is explaining the previous sentence (9:6-7)
 - i. They are not all (the children of God), which are of the children of the flesh.
 - ii. The children of the promise (true spiritual born again Israel) receives Rom 9:4-5