

Who Are the People of God? (part 2)

Text: And in the very place where it was said... there they will be called... (Romans 9:26)

Intro: Questions in Romans 9 and 10

God's perspective & our perspective

I. This Question Already Answered

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 29:29)

Acts 13:46...but then v48

II. The Theological Difficulty

Two wills in God

Revealed Will	Secret Will
Accessible to all	Not accessible to all.
The Bible	History
Humans are held accountable to obey it.	Not meant to be obeyed but to be a rock of trust and confidence for God's children.
Is <i>often</i> thwarted by human choices.	Is <i>never</i> thwarted by human choices.
Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?' (Ezekiel 33:11) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. (John 3:17)	As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. (Genesis 50:20) ...this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. (Acts 2:23)

III. Who are the People of God?

Internal

External

Application 1: The Gospel

First, the _____ news about Jesus

Second, a call to _____.

Faith: *"The flight of a penitent sinner unto the mercy of God in Christ."*

Application 2: Perversions

Application 3: Hypocrisy

Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote, (Isaiah 29:13)

Application 4: Confessing

"No hope can on the law be built
Of justifying grace;
The law, that shows the sinner's guilt,
Condemns him to his face.
Jesus, how glorious is Thy grace!
When in Thy name we trust,
Our faith receives a righteousness
That makes the sinner just."