

POWER FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING



A STUDY OF ROMANS

#14: MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES—ROMANS 10:1-21

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I. A REVIEW OF RECONCILING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND MY FREE CHOICE

1. The Bible declares that God is sovereign

Remember the first events, because I am God, and there is no other. I am God, and there's no one like me. From the beginning I revealed the end. From long ago I told you things that had not yet happened, saying, "My plan will stand, and I'll do everything I intended to do."

Isaiah 49:9-10 (GWT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

2. The Bible also affirms that God gives humans the freedom to choose

Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)

II. HUMANITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS CHOICES—ROMANS 10:1-21

1. Why Israel was rejected—Sincerity is not enough (v.1-13)

- Israel didn't feel the need for salvation (v.1)
- Israel was zealous—but for the wrong thing (v.2)
- Israel tried to make themselves righteous by law keeping (v.3)

- **Israel missed the point of the law—to lead them to the Messiah (v.4-13)**

But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God’s Book of the Law.”...But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

Galatians 3:10,13 (NLT)

⇒ **Is Paul saying that a simple confession of “Jesus is Lord” is all you need to do in order to be saved? No, “saving faith” always required a “broader” response including obedience repentance, baptism, etc.**

Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

Matthew 7:20-23 (NIV)

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Acts 3:19 (NIV)

What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.

Acts 22:16 (NLT)

2. How everyone is saved—by grace through faith (v.14-17)

3. Where the Jews stand now—God still loves His people (v.18-21)

The Lord isn’t slow about keeping his promises, as some people think he is. In fact, God is patient, because he wants everyone to turn from sin and no one to be lost.

2 Peter 3:9 (CEV)