

**1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't changed. (vv. 6-13)**

Paul tells us that God's promise to save Israel was never to \_\_\_\_\_ Israel but to \_\_\_\_\_ Israel.

They thought that simply being a physical descendant of Abraham was enough to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

So children of God come not through physical descent but through the sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (v. 8)

Be warned! We may have difficulty telling a true Christian from a cultural Christian, but \_\_\_\_\_ does not.

So, as Paul tells us in v. 11, neither of the twins had done anything, good or bad, but God \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob to be the father of His people, not Esau.

\_\_\_\_\_ is by the sovereign choice of God, by His grace through faith, not by physical descent or the works of man.

**2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't changed. (vv. 14-23)**

Nothing in Israel's rejection of God, or of God's temporary rejection of Israel, is \_\_\_\_\_ with God's unchanging nature.

Paul anticipates two \_\_\_\_\_ that could be, and often are, used to accuse God of being unjust.

- That's not \_\_\_\_\_! (vv. 14-18)
- Why am I \_\_\_\_\_ if it's all up to God? (vv. 19-23)

**3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ haven't failed. (vv. 24-29)**

Next, Paul said that God's rejection of Israel, and inclusion of Gentiles as His people, was God's \_\_\_\_\_ all along. It was prophesied.

From \_\_\_\_\_, Paul made the point that it is prophesied that the Gentiles will be included as God's people.

From \_\_\_\_\_, Paul made the point that only a remnant of Israel will be saved. Most will reject Him.

**4. God's \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't changed. (vv. 30-33)**

The Jews had \_\_\_\_\_ God's plan of salvation. They thought that the Law meant that one could be saved by keeping it.

Jesus was a stumbling block to the \_\_\_\_\_, but because the Gentiles believed in Him, they would not be disappointed.

Salvation by grace through faith is no \_\_\_\_\_ to God's sovereignty.

**Calvary Connection Group**  
Discussion Questions for the week of April 25, 2021

**Getting to Know Me**

- What is your all-time favorite restaurant? Why?
- What place in the world that you haven't been to would you most like to go? Why?

**Into the Bible**

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?
  
- Even though He told us not to try it, Jesus apparently had little trouble telling true believers from false ones. He told some apparently believing Jews that they were of their father, the devil (John 8:44)! Read the context of that statement (vv. 30-59). What were some clues before v. 44 that these might not have been genuine believers? What is the evidence after v. 44 that Jesus was right? What conclusions can we draw from all this?
  
- Paul's quote from Hosea is interesting if you know the story of Hosea. If you don't know the story of the Hosea, either read it or check an online Bible dictionary for a summary (Here's a suggestion: <https://www.insight.org/resources/bible/the-minor-prophets/hosea> ). Read Hos. 2:23 (check the footnotes in your Bible if you have them) and compare it with Hos. 1:6-9. What similarities do you find?
  
- The image of the Potter and the clay, representing God and us, is a familiar one in the Bible. Read Is. 29:15-16; 45:9-10; 64:8-9; Jer. 18:1-11 and write down briefly what they're teaching us about being clay or about God being the Potter.

**Application**

- Have you known anyone who attended church for years only to find that they weren't really saved? Without naming names, what happened to them?
  
- How does God's sovereignty in salvation make you feel? Do you agree with the statement from the sermon that when either God's sovereignty or man's responsibility is emphasized to the exclusion of the other, the gospel is invariably perverted? Why or why not?