

## Rejected Rejection

### **Intro:**

We often fail our resolutions

### **Problem:**

But what about God?

Jer 31:31-40

If rom 8;28-32 is true what about the unbelief of Israel?

If God abandoned His promises to them then what keeps Him from abandoning them to us.

In Romans 9 Paul shows us that...

### **Main Idea:**

Reject rejection

God's election

Based on God's grace

Determined in God's decree

Is the answer to foreseen rejection not foreseen faith

### **Implication:**

Salvation has always been about God's election not Man's effort

Election has always been based on God's grace not Man's goodness

Grace has always been rooted in God's decree not Man's desire

The Decree has always been the answer to Man's rejection not Man faith

### **Application:**

Let us press on to know this Christ

Rejoice in the God whose resolutions never fail

Never give up on the lost - with sovereign grace there is always hope

Reject their rejection and keep praying, witnessing and waiting

we are still here. God is still saving

### **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.monergism.com/thethreshold/articles/onsite/foreseenfaith.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/theology-that-comforts-the-weary-soul>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/5-things-failed-new-years-resolutions-teach-us/>

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## Text:

### Reject their rejection

Rom. 9:1 ¶ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; **my conscience** bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—

Rom. 9:2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing **anguish in my heart.**

Rom. 9:3 For I could wish that **I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers**, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

Rom. 9:4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

Rom. 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Ex 32:32 (like Moses)

what would you do for your friends?

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for" S)

### God's election

Rom. 9:6 ¶ **But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,**

Rom. 9:7 and not all are children of **Abraham** because they are his offspring, but "Through **Isaac** shall your offspring be named."

Rom. 9:8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

Rom. 9:9 For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son."

Rom. 9:10 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather **Isaac**,

Rom. 9:11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that **God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—**

Rom. 9:12 she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

Rom. 9:13 As it is written, "**Jacob** I loved, but Esau I hated."

Gen 15:1-16 (salvation always based on election - spiritual birth Isaac not physical birth Ishmael)

deut 7:6-11 (election of Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob continues on and on)

Rom 2:28-29 (there is a difference between standing on the promises of God and standing in the premises of God)

Mk 3:31-35 (no matter who you are)

Jn 6:44, 60-65; 10:1-5, 14-16, 22-30; 15:16; 1:9-13 (salvation has always been about God's election not Man's effort)

### Based on God's grace

Rom. 9:14 ¶ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part (**neither determinism based on merit/prescience or corporate election suggest injustice**)? By no means!

Rom. 9:15 **For he says to Moses**, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

Rom. 9:16 So then **it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.**

Rom. 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Rom. 9:18 So then **he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.**

Rom 6:23 (we earn damnation, we are gifted grace- beware of smuggling in merit, oughts and shoulds)

Matt 20:1-16 (which scale do you want?)

1 Cor 1:18-31 (which scale does God want?)

Eph 2:1-9 (election has always been based on God's grace not Man's goodness)

### Determined in God's decree

Rom. 9:19 ¶ You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"

Rom. 9:20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?"

Rom. 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Rom. 9:22 What if (**first class conditional**) God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath **prepared** for destruction,

Rom. 9:23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has **prepared beforehand for glory—**

Eph 2:10 (God prepared beforehand our works on His behalf)

Eph 1:3-14 (before there foundation of the world)

2 Pet 3:14-15 (settles the problem of evil - salvation is still on the schedule)

acts 13:48 (grace has always been rooted in God's decree not Man's desire)

### Is the answer to foreseen rejection not foreseen faith

Rom. 9:24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Rom. 9:25 As indeed he says in Hosea,

"Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,'  
and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"

Rom. 9:26 "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,'  
there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

Rom. 9:27 ¶ And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved,

Rom. 9:28 for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay."

Rom. 9:29 And as Isaiah predicted,

"If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,  
we would have been like Sodom  
and become like Gomorrah."

Hosea 1:1-9 (God did not look down the corridors of time to see Israel's or your future faith - just the opposite)

Hosea 2:21-3:3 (this is sovereign grace - "it is a good thing God chose me before I was born, because He surely would not afterwards" - spurgeon)

Hosea 6:1-3 (The decree has always been the answer to Man's future rejection not Man's future faith - let us press on to know this Christ)