

I. Introduction

- A. Review
- B. Salvation from the wrath of God is only for those whom the Father elects.
- C. This election is based upon the sovereign will of the Father.
 - 1. John 1:12-13
 - a) It is not based upon a man's desire to be saved.
 - b) It is not based upon a man's works toward salvation.
 - c) It is not based upon a man history with saved people
- D. Rather, salvation from God is based upon...God.
 - 1. Remember that Israel was the steward of the Law of God, the covenants, the temple rituals, etc..
 - 2. It would seem legitimate that they would then respond to His Son, Jesus Christ, in faith.
 - a) But they did not.
 - b) Rather, they murdered Him.
 - 3. It would seem, then, that their entrance into the kingdom, and the restoration of the earth to God's holy design was hopeless, if everything depended upon the nation of Israel.
 - 4. However, as we learned, hope is not lost, but confirmed.
- A. Let's review Romans 9-11 in order see all of this in history.
 - 1. **Romans 9 -**
 - a) **Vv. 1-5** Paul wishes for Israel's repentance.
 - b) **Vv. 6-13** It would appear that their rebellion makes the kingdom and salvation impossible.
 - (1) Vv. 6-7
 - (2) V. 11
 - c) **V. 14** = some might conclude that God is unjust for choosing some and not others.
 - d) **V. 16** Paul's conclusion?
 - (1) Entrance into the kingdom does not depend upon your desire, actions, or ability.
 - (2) Entrance into the kingdom depends upon the calling of God.
 - e) **Vv. 19-26**
 - (1) Do we have the right, then, to accuse God (vv. 19-22)?
 - (2) No. We are man, He is God:
 - (3) Isaiah 29:15-16
 - (a) **15** Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord,
 - (i) And whose deeds are *done* in a dark place,
 - (ii) And they say, "Who sees us?" or "Who knows us?"
 - (b) **16** You turn *things* around!
 - (i) Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay,
 - (ii) That what is made would say to its maker, "He did not make me";

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(iii) Or what is formed say to him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

f) **V. 23** = the purpose for it all -> the riches of His (great) glory.

2. **Romans 10**

a) **Vv. 1-21** Israel is guilty and obstinate.

b) God has the right to judge them because they have always refused Him.

3. **Romans 11**

a) **Vv. 1-6** Israel needs to be saved.

b) **Vv. 7-10** their salvation is determined by their election.

(1) Only those who were chosen in eternity past will be saved (i.e. the remnant).

(2) The rest will be hardened and perish in the lake of fire forever.

c) **Vv. 11-27** their rebellion has brought salvation to the Gentiles.

(1) **Vv. 19-24** the Gentiles should fear.

(2) **Vv. 25-27** this is a mystery, but will end in God restoring "all" (the remnant-Romans 9:27) Israel.

d) **Vv. 28-36** God be praised for His marvelous power and wisdom!!!

E. The lack of belief that the Pharisees had in Jesus Christ was not a demonstration of their own depravity, as much as they were, in fact, depraved.

F. The lack of belief that the Pharisees had in Jesus Christ was a demonstration of the non-elective purposes of God toward them!

G.

John 10:22–26

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;

23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of

Solomon.

24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

25 Jesus answered them, “**I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.**

26 “**But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.**

II. v. 27 "The sheep of mine(!) they hear My sound/voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

A. Remember who a sheep was?

B. John 10:1-17

1. The sheep have a shepherd.

2. The sheep respond to the shepherd.

3. The sheep flee from wolves and listen for the shepherd.

4. The sheep know their shepherd.

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- C. The illustration Jesus is giving is relationship.
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| 1. | This relationship was predetermined. |
| 2. | This relationship is always evidenced by a submissive response to the Shepherd. |
- D. This can be best demonstrated in **Matthew 25:31-46**
1. The kingdom is only prepared for the blessed of the Father (i.e. the "sheep").
 2. The kingdom is not for the cursed of the Father (i.e. the "goats").
 3. The evidence of the one is how they responded to Christ and His saints.
 4. The evidence of the other is how they responded to Christ and His saints.
- E. By this statement (v. 27), Jesus defines His people.
1. What is a Christian?
 - a) **"My sheep"** = those who were chosen before the foundation of the World.
 - (1) We have been seeing this category.
 - (2) It is that there are people in every age who are created by God and they are designed by God to be for the Son.
 - (a) Do they have a sin nature? yes.
 - (b) Do they live a life of sin? yes.
 - (c) Do they live under the wrath of God prior to salvation? yes.
 - (3) However, since they were created by God, having their names written in the book of life, they will not die until they are born of God, from above, by means of His Word.
 - (4)
 - b) **"they hear"** = those who have heard the Word of Christ.
 - (1) This is significant.
 - (2) Hearing in the Bible is necessary, critical, to knowing God.
 - (a) Deuteronomy 6:3-4
 - (b) Matthew 13:18-23
 - (i) v. 19 "When anyone **hears** the Word of the kingdom and does not understand it..."
 - (ii) v. 20 "...the man who **hears** the Word and immediately receives it with joy..."
 - (iii) v. 22 "...the man who **hears** the Word...worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the world..."
 - (iv) v. 23 "...the man who **hears** the Word AND UNDERSTANDS IT..."
 - (a) This man hears like the rest.
 - (b) However, because of the condition of the soil, he understands it and begins to bear fruit, much or little.

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(c) Romans 10:8-17

(3) What happens if they do not hear?

(a) Indicates a **hardened heart** -

Exodus 7:13

13 Yet Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

(b) Indicates **stubbornness and rebellion** -

Deuteronomy 21:18-21

This shows that when a child will not listen, it is because he/she has filled their hearts and belly's with some indulgence.

In the nation, the only recourse was judgment.

Proverbs 5:1-14

The young man who is caught with a strange woman has done this thing because he refused to listen, hear.

He did not incline his heart to listen and obey.

(c) Indicates **a lack of regeneration** -

Deuteronomy 9:23–24

23 "When the LORD sent you from Kadesh-Barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; you neither believed Him nor listened to His voice.

24 "You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day I knew you.

(4) What happens if you hear only?

(a) James 1:21-27

(i) "hearer" = one who listens to the Word, but does not obey it.

(ii) Listen to the instruction to visit widows and orphans and then go do that!!

(b) Luke 6:46-49

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46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

47 "Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like:

48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

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49 “But the one who has heard and has not acted *accordingly*, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”

(c) Isaiah 51:1

Psalm 78:1–2

1 Listen, O my people, to my instruction;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,

2. Also, each church in Revelation 2-3 was told:

➤ ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

- b) "I know them" = they are known by Jesus Christ as His sheep.
- (1) John 10:14
 - (2) This means that Jesus Christ knows who are His and who are not.
 - (a) This information is recorded in the book of life.
 - (b) Ex 32:32; **Ps 69:28**; Is 4:3; Ezek 13:9; **Dan 12:1**; **Phil 4:3**; Heb 12:23; Rev 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27.
 - (3) Jesus Christ not only knows them, but they know Him when they hear His Word.
- c) "they follow Me" = they turn around and walk behind Jesus wherever He goes.
- (1) The result of the other items is that they demonstrate their true nature by "following" the Shepherd.
 - (2) It only makes sense.
 - (a) The Pharisees, and the disciples, He was speaking with would completely understand this analogy.
 - (b) True sheep, sheep belonging to a particular shepherd, would respond to the sound of the voice of that shepherd by walking behind that shepherd.
 - (3) What does it mean to "follow" Jesus?

Matthew 4:19-20:

19 καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς, **Δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου**, καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. 20 οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.

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3. Jesus' words to the disciples (a few months after their initiation with Jesus in Judea with John the Baptist) was to "come! behind Me!"
4. This would have been somewhat natural because:
 - (a) Jesus had been pointed out by the Baptist that He was the Lamb of God months earlier.
 - (b) Jesus shows up adding to the fact that He must be there for a particular reason.
 - (c) The men believed God and their hearts were ready (Matthew 13-the soil).
 - (d) Ultimately, it was the plan of God.
5. The next verse uses the typical word for "follow" that means to walk behind.
 - The disciples/apostles were called of Jesus to follow Him - they did, leaving their families, business, and relatives behind (Matthew 4:20-22; Mark 1:18; 2:14 [Matthew]; Luke 5:11, 27; John 1:37, 40, 43 Peter).
 - The disciples were told that if they do not take a cross and follow Jesus, they are not worthy to be His disciples (Matthew 10:38; Luke 14:27).
 - Any disciple who follows Christ, without turning away from following Him, will receive the reward of the kingdom (Matthew 19:27-28).
 - Unbelievers were commanded to follow Christ (Matthew 19:21; Mark 10:21-the rich young ruler was told to sell all he has and follow Christ).
 - Crowds followed Him (Matthew 20:29; 21:9; Mark 3:7; 5:24; John 6:2).
 - Peter was told that even in the face of death, he must continue to follow Christ (John 21:20-22).
 - Any disciple who follows Christ will end up with Jesus wherever He goes:

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John 12:26

26 “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

(i) Revelation 19:11–14

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

12 His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself.

13 *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

(ii) So, Jesus was right.

John 8:31–32

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then you are truly disciples of Mine;*

32 *and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”*

III. v. 28 "and I give life eternal (age-life) to them, and they will never in any way be destroyed into the age, and no one will/one will not snatch the same from My hand."

A. This verse teaches the disciples that their real living comes at the end of the life, not at the beginning.

B. Jesus is the source of life.

1. John 17:1-3

2. He gives it - John 5:20-21; 11:23-26

3.

C. The life He gives is indestructible.

1. This is because those who receive this life have escaped death.

2. Since death is defeated by life, there is no other destruction.

Galatians 3:13

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—

1 Corinthians 15:25–28

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25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

D. And, no one can change what He has done.

1. Romans 8:31-39

2. Therefore, since all this is true, you are truly impervious to:

- a) death
- b) the curse
- c) Satan
- d) Demons
- e) judgment
- f) the wicked
- g) etc...

II. Conclusion