

# The Gospel of Paul (16)

## Predestination: Fair or Unfair?

Romans 9:14-29

### Intro: Spring-Time

#### I. Is God UNFAIR to Choose Some but Not Others? (v. 14-18)

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the change from winter to spring personally affect your attitude, demeanor, and the overall way that you feel? How does the backdrop of the Bad News (all of us are hopelessly sinful and lost) affect the way you view the doctrine of Predestination (God chooses SOME as the objects of His Mercy)?
2. How did the example of "Flatlanders" trying to understand the mind of God help you to process the complex issue of Predestination vs Free Will? What questions do you still have?
3. What amazes Paul is NOT that many people reject Christ. This actually makes sense if we are hopelessly sinful and incapable of seeking God on our own. What amazes Paul is that God has mercifully chosen ANY of us (and He has chosen MANY!) to be saved. Thinking about your own story, how have you seen God reaching for you and calling you to faith in Jesus Christ?

#### II. Is God UNFAIR to Punish Those He Did Not Choose? (v. 19-23)

#### III. The Saving of ANY (let alone MANY) Is the Mercy of God (v. 24-29)

### Conclusion: Responding to Mercy