

Romans 9:1-7
“Remain In Your Calling”

~ INTRO ~

THE LAST TIME WE WERE TOGETHER...

- We studied (Rom 8) and came away...
 - With the JOYFUL HOPE that filled the chapter.
- Because we were renewed & inspired with...
 - “*The Gospel According to Grace*”

WE FOUND... MANY TRUTHS THAT LIFTED US UP.

For example:

(v.1) we’ve been saved from condemnation...

(v.2) we’ve been “*made me free*”

(vv.5-13) **WE DISCOVERED...**

- Living according to the Spirit requires change...
 - In thoughts, beliefs, & practices
- **WE LEARNED...**
 - We’re to stay away from spiritually dead practices.

(v.14) we’re Sons of God with privileges AND responsibilities.

THEN (Chp. #8) CLOSED OUT...

- Giving us the assurance that God does not forsake His promise.
 - No matter what spiritual opposition we may encounter.

NOW... TODAY...

- The next three chapters cover a more sorrowful topic...
 - By using the Nation of Israel.
 - Chapter #9 = Israel’s past election.
 - Chapter #10 = Israel’s present rejection.
 - Chapter #11 = Israel’s future restoration.

IDEA #1 – THE HEART OF MINISTRY

PAUL... LABORED TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

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- Yet... he was too familiar with the rejection of man!
 - Paul had an *austere outlook*...
 - But wanted God’s best for people.

THE HEART OF MINISTRY...

- Is to deliver the truth of God to people...
 - AND to plead to God... for the repentance of people.

THE CHURCH...

- Is to stay focused on Biblical truth.
 - We seek God’s help for the purpose in our struggles...
 - Knowing that God will... (Romans 16:20) NLT

IN THE LIFE OF A FELLOWSHIP...

- People get tired
- People get attacked
- People will be tempted to quit
 - (Neh. 4:10-14)

BUT... WE’RE TO OVERCOME BY...

- By strengthened ourself in God (1 Sam. 30:6) NLT.

WHEN THE ENEMY PRESSES IN...

- We’re to continue with a greater determination (Neh. 6:9) NLT.

PRACTICALLY...

- Here’s a few examples of how to walk this out:
 - 1) Don’t abandon your faith (John 16:1) NLT
 - 2) Finishing the work God gives you (John 17:4) NLT
 - 3) Remain teachable (Heb 13:17) NLT
 - 4) Love each other (John 13:34-35) NLT

ONE MORE INSIGHT...

- Here’s what happens when we stop living in the truth.
 - (2 Chronicles 24:20) NLT
 - When we disregard God’s way we stop growing...
 - And we begin to move backwards.

IDEA #2 – BENEFITS OF FAITH

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ISRAEL’S GOD-GIVEN PRIVILEGES.

- He lays out seven benefits that the Jew’s pride themselves on:
 - 1) *Adoption* = Claimed as God’s people (Ex. 4:22-b) NKJV
 - 2) *Glory* = God with His people (Ex. 40:34 & 38) NKJV
 - (John 1:14) NKJV
 - 3) *Covenants* = Mosaic Covenant (Ex. 19:5) NKJV
 - The New Covenant (Heb. 8:10 & 12)
 - 4) *Law* = Truth for the basis of justice 10-Commandments
 - (Ex. 20)
 - 5) *Service of God* = The Tabernacle (dwelling place of God).
 - (Ex. 25-30)
 - 6) *Promises* = New covenant (Jer. 31:31)
 - And regathering (Ezk. 36:24)
 - 7) *Messiah* = Christ.

HERE’S THE POINT... (v.6)

- Not everyone is surrendered to God.
 - Israel rejected the Christ!

PAUL’S DRILL DOWN POINT AT (v.7)

- **Is a life of faith.**

ABRAHAM HAD TWO SONS...

- Ismael & Isaac.
 - Ismael was Abrahams attempt to be blessed.
 - Abraham was presenting the work of **his flesh...**
 - And asking God to bless it.

BUT GOD TOLD HIM... NO!

- (Gen. 17:15-19) NKJV
- Isaac was God’s undeserved favor (a miracle baby).

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- The blessing came to Abraham & Sara...
 - Once they surrendered control.

~ IN CLOSING ~

CHURCH...

- Remember that without faith we cannot please God.
 - (Heb. 11:6)

SO... MAY WE LEARN.....

- What pleases God and do it (Eph. 5:10)

AMEN!