

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Romans 9:21

Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

Building Foundation Faith 6-1**"GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE"**
READ Romans 9:1-33**DAY 1 READ Romans 9:1-33**

1. Share a thought from last week's lesson.
2. Having read today's Scripture, which "side" of God's character would you say comes through most strongly – His wrath and holiness, or His love and mercy? Why?

DAY 2 REVIEW Romans 9:1-8

3. a. What was Paul's heart condition at this point?
 - b. Paul's concern was for whom?
 - c. Others have grieved for the wayward. In these Scriptures what did Jeremiah say? (Jeremiah 13:17)
. . . Jesus say? (Luke 13:34)
- d. Is there anyone's salvation about whom you are deeply concerned? Please share.
4. a. List the privileges that God had given the Israelites.
 - b. How do you think awareness of those privileges would have affected your daily life had you been an Israelite in Paul's day?
 - c. What are some of your privileges "in Christ?"
5. Romans 9:6 says, "It is not as though God's word has failed." What do we learn in Psalm 119:89?
6. a. Paul made a distinction between the physical and spiritual descendants of Abraham. How, according to Romans 9:8?
 - b. Does being born into a Christian family make one a Christian? Why or why not? Give Scripture to support your answer.

DAY 3 REVIEW Romans 9:9-18

7. a. How had Abram responded to God's promise in Genesis 15:4-6?
- b. Abraham had two sons – Ishmael and Isaac. Which was the child of promise?
- c. Isaac had twin sons by Rebecca – Esau and Jacob. Which was chosen by God's election (Romans 9:13)?
8. What do these Scriptures teach us about . . .
 . . . election of Israel (Deuteronomy 7:6-8)?

 . . . election so the disciples would understand their calling
 (John 15:16)?

 . . . election's purpose (Ephesians 1:4)?

9. a. What question did Paul ask and answer in Romans 9:14?
- b. God's choice of servants did not violate man's free will. What deliberate choice did Esau and Pharaoh make in these Scriptures?
 Genesis 25:34
 Exodus 5:2
- c. What is the statement of God's sovereignty in Romans 9:18?
- d. Share a thought on that verse of Scripture.

DAY 4 REVIEW Romans 9:19-29

10. Verse 20 says, "But who are you, O man, to talk back to God?" Do you think that means we are never to question God? Please explain.
11. In the illustration of the potter and the clay (verses 19-21) –
 - a. Who do they represent?
 - b. What does the potter fashion with clay?
 - c. What point is Paul making?
 - d. How has God been shaping your life? Share a description of yourself as a household vessel (use some imagination).

DAY 4 REVIEW Romans 9:19-29

12. God was patient with Israel and sent Jesus as the Messiah to reveal the riches of God's glory and mercy, but they rejected Him. What is the truth of John 3:36?

13. a. What had Hosea foretold about the Gentiles?

b. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge, what must one do to be called "sons of the living God?"

14. a. What had Isaiah foretold about the Jews in Romans 9?

b. Why do you think a remnant's survival is important?

DAY 5 REVIEW Romans 9:30-33

15. a. How had the Gentiles found righteousness?

b. How had the Jews missed it?

16. a. To what does "works" refer?

b. Explain how "works" enters into a Christian's life today.

17. a. Who is the stumbling stone spoken of in verses 32,33?

b. Think of someone you know who is unsaved. How is faith in Jesus a stumbling stone to them? Please share.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: