

The Mysterious, Sovereign Gospel
Romans 9:13-33

- I. Is It Unjust For God To Love Jacob and Hate Esau? (13-18)
 - A. Shall we call God “unjust” for loving Jacob and hating Esau?
 - B. Defining our terms:
 - C. “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy” (Exodus 33)
 - D. Salvation depends on God’s mercy, not on man’s efforts
- II. How Is This Fair? (19)
 - A. It isn’t fair for God to manipulate us, is it?
 - B. It isn’t fair for God to move on one person in love and another with disdain, is it?
 - C. Remember our definition of justice and injustice...
 - D. Consider Romans 1:18, 21, 24-25, 28; 2:4-6; 3:10-18...what is just for all of humanity?
- III. There Is A Difference Between The Creature and the Creator (20-24)
 - A. The problem we all have with this teaching really isn’t a matter of fairness: it is a matter of place and priority.
 - B. We want to be “like God;” we forget that we are “merely dust.” (Genesis 1-3)
 - C. We are not God...and He is not us.
 - D. He is just; but He is also merciful...and He has the right to display His justice and mercy as He sees fit.
- IV. The Gospel Is Based On The Free Grace of God (25-33)

- A. He calls to Himself a people that were “not His people”
- B. He saves a remnant – not the whole (mercy)
- C. What is the difference? The gospel
- D. The Gospel is not based on working, striving, or Law-keeping. The gospel is based on grace, the free gift of God.