

“Is There Injustice on God’s Part? Who Can Resist His Will?” (Part 3)
Romans 9:19-24

- Romans 9:19-20: Humility and Worship
 - Our thinking is always inferior to God’s thinking (Romans 11:33-34; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25).
 - Human wisdom, opinions, desires, and aspirations didn’t help you get saved and they will not help you in salvation. We worship (our own) human education, philosophies, and opinions (Romans 1:21-25).
 - Even if God could possess any foolishness or weakness (which He does not), it would still be superior to the best that man could muster.
 - It is only through the wisdom of God that man can find salvation. They must humble themselves and admit they can’t find salvation and peace apart from God’s mercy and compassion.
 - Questioning God’s goodness and His justice puts us in the place of supremacy and authority. Submitting to God and His wisdom exalts God and humbles us (James 4:6 & 10; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Psalm 142:1-7).
 - Pride says: “God, You are the beneficiary.” Humility says: “I am the beneficiary.” There is a great damage to be done in striving with God according to your own wisdom (Isaiah 45:9-12; Isaiah 64:8).
 - There is a great Biblical tension between God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility that Paul does not answer, nor can it be answered (Isaiah 55:6-9).
- Romans 9:21-24: His Right and His Glory (Ezekiel 18:30-32; Ezekiel 33:10-11)
 - God has the right, from the same Nation (Romans 9:6), bloodline (Romans 9:7-8), womb (Romans 9:11-13), or lump of clay (Romans 9:21), to save some and not save others. God does everything He does for His glory and according to His purpose, wisdom, and justice.
 - An honourable vessel in a household had tremendous value (1 Peter 2:9-10). It was used as a vessel of service (Galatians 5:13), but it was also a vessel of great beauty, it brings praise to the potter (1 John 2:5-6). The beauty of God’s grace takes what was dead and brings it to life (Ephesians 2:5; Philippians 3:7-8).
 - A dishonourable vessel was left in its natural state (Romans 3:10-18). It still had purpose, but was used for refuse and is left hidden or does not bring glory to the potter (Romans 1:18-25).
 - God is glorified in salvation and God is glorified in demonstrating His wrath and justice towards sin (Romans 2:5-8). God shows His power in the right to both save and to damn (Psalm 2:9-10; Matthew 10:28-31). God patiently endures His enemies calling them to repentance, despite their rebellion and disbelief (Romans 2:4-5).
 - His grace and our need of grace is demonstrated in both sinful and holy behavior. The sinner sinning shows our helpless estate and the saint living a holy life shows our dependence on His grace to glorify Him (Romans 3:19-20; Ephesians 2:8-10).

Worship: Glorious Day (Casting Crowns)

I Stand Amazed (Norton Hall Band)

Be Thou My Vision (Norton Hall Band) **Closing Song:** Tis So Sweet (Various Artists)

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

***Fellowship:** EVERY Sunday, immediately following the service, we invite everyone to stay and join us for fellowship in the gym! Bring your dinner with you to church or go get dinner for yourself after the service and come back to join us for a time of fellowship together. We will be socially distancing as we sit together in the gym. Masks are required when you are up and moving around the gym.

**In 2 weeks: On Sunday, February 14th, we will be having a Pizza Dinner together immediately following the service. If you plan on staying for dinner and fellowship that night, please bring a pizza or have a pizza delivered to the church to share with everyone who is staying. Our desire is to start working back towards having our regular fellowship dinners together. *We will still be social distancing and taking precautions with masks and gloves for distributing food.*

***Volunteers Needed:** We have a wonderful opportunity for our church members to get involved in serving our church body in the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. Our volunteers for the Children's Ministry serve *once every five weeks*. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!

***Evangelism Class:** Our next round for the Evangelism Class will be February 20th and 27th (the last two Saturdays of February). If you didn't get to participate in the January class and want to sign up for the February one, the sign-up list on the back table! The class is limited to 10 people!

***Revelation Class:** We are wanting to start our Revelation Class up again very soon. There is a sign-up list on the back table for anyone who is interested in participating in this class. Even if you signed up last year, please sign-up again so that we know you are still interested in participating!

***Baptisms:** Our next Baptism Service will be Sunday, February 21st. If you are interested in or have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Joel, or Elder Richard!