



## The Sovereignty of God and the Responsibility of Man—Romans 9-11

**Vault Verse — Romans 1:16–17 (ESV)** ***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”***

1. Some scholars see chapters 9-11 as a parenthetical section.
2. Paul is giving a comprehensive doctrinal foundation regarding the nature of God.
3. This is one of the most complex sections of scripture and requires careful and prayerful consideration.
4. Paul addresses a balanced view regarding God’s Sovereignty and our responsibility.

### I. God is just and righteous in all His ways—9

1. Paul expresses deep and sincere sorrow over the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish people.
2. Paul lists 8 privileges the Jewish people had experienced. vv. 4-5
3. It is imperative that we have the right premise regarding God’s nature and human righteousness. God’s Word has not failed. vv. 6-13

***A flawed premise will result in a faulty conclusion.***

4. Paul has clearly stated the truth in Romans 3:10-18. NO ONE IS RIGHTEOUS!
5. God’s predestination is a widening of mercy and grace extended to the undeserving.
6. God is just to exercise His sovereign choice. vv. 14-18

One of the strongest rebukes in the Bible comes in Romans 9:19-20. (NLT) <sup>19</sup> *Well then, you might say, “Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven’t they simply done what he makes them do?”* <sup>20</sup> *No, don’t say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, “Why have you made me like this?”*

7. God gives people a chance to respond to His grace. vv. 19-29
8. God gives grace to those who by faith receive the work of Jesus. vv. 30-33

## II. God has provided salvation for all who believe in Jesus—10

1. Enthusiasm for God is not sufficient for salvation.
2. Depending on your efforts and abilities is refusing to accept the work of Jesus.
3. All who believe in Him are made right with God.
4. The gospel is evident and near to everyone.
5. Saving faith occurs when we believe in our heart in the resurrection of Jesus and we declare with our mouth in His Lordship.

**Romans 10:13 (NLT)** For *“Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”*

6. We must do our best to make sure everyone has the opportunity to hear the gospel.

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## III. God is always working for redemption—11

1. God desire that Israel experience His grace.
2. God has made salvation available to the Gentiles.
3. God wants Israel to see the grace provided to Gentiles who believe and be desirous for that Grace.

*God’s timeline often defies our, but His faithfulness never wavers.*

4. God works in mysterious ways.

Recognizing the sovereignty of God should cause the following response:

1. **Comfort** knowing God’s Character
2. **Trust** knowing of His Kindness
3. **Worship** knowing of His Goodness
4. **Humility** knowing of our frailty

We see the back of the tapestry while God sees the intended design. Trust him even when you don’t understand. He can be trusted, and He deserves all the glory.