



“God Predetermined the Path of Salvation”

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1. What are you most encouraged about right now in your life and why?
2. As a church, we are committed to preaching through the whole Bible including difficult sections of scripture, like Romans 9. Why is this commitment important? How can we each approach this in the best way, even if we are not Biblical scholars? Make sure that everyone has a copy of the one-page handout that was distributed in our church service.
3. Read Romans 9:1-5. How did Paul feel about the fact that so many of the people of Israel, in his time, did not believe in Jesus and what, if he could, was he willing to do to save them? How are our convictions similar to Paul's for the lost that we know? How can we practically act on these convictions and take to heart our theme as a church in 2025 - lost and found?
4. Read Romans 9:14-16. How do you personally wrestle with the idea that God chooses to show mercy to those who have faith in Jesus and not to others?
5. Read Romans 9:25-29. These passages teach that God included Gentiles in His salvation plan while many Jews were excluded. What does this teach us about God's way of working throughout history? How does this apply to us today?
6. Read Romans 9:30-33. These texts contrast how the Gentiles obtained righteousness by faith while Israel pursued it by works. How does this affect the way you understand faith and works in your own life?
7. How can we pray for each other this week?

Reminders:

- At HCC, we really want to encourage everyone to share their prayer requests with one another, or just the elders if it is a private matter. This can be done anytime of the week and not just on Sunday mornings at service by heading over to the Harpeth Hub and find the “Prayer Request” button. www.harpethcc.com/harpeth-hub
- The *Churchwide Prayer & Fasting* will be starting on March 27th and going through April 17th. This year, the 21-day fast will also include a booklet with daily devotions and encouragement. More details will be announced soon.