

## Romans – Justified through faith

### Week 17 – Romans 9 (Children of the promise)

Romans Chapter 9 is about who are the true children of God and on what basis is this choice made.

*Discuss:* The true children of the promise are those chosen by God for his purposes and this choice is based on the faith of individual not on their works.

“If therefore God hardens some, he is not being unjust, for that is what their sin deserves. If, on the other hand, he has compassion on some, he is not being unjust, for he is dealing with them in mercy. ***The wonder is not that some are saved and some are lost, but that anybody is saved at all.*** For we deserve nothing from God's hand but judgment. If we receive what we deserve (which is judgment), or if we receive what we do not deserve (which is mercy), in neither case is God unjust. If therefore anybody is lost, the blame is theirs, but if anybody is saved, the credit is God's.”

- John R.W. Stott  
(italics mine)

Q1. What does it mean to be a child of the promise?

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Q2. Make a list of things you do as part of being a Christian.

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Q3. How do we ensure we are doing these by faith and not just trying to gain our salvation by dead works?

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#### Memory Verse:

“In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

– Romans 9:8