

2019 Men's Leadership Conference Callaway Gardens

Romans 9 -11

Given Before the Beginning of Time

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Question:

What is your favorite
Book in the Bible?

Four Key Words



For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in
Jesus Christ our Lord.

-Romans 6:23

Thanks be to God, through
Jesus Christ our Lord!

-Romans 7:25

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 8:39

Five Dynamic Verses

For He says to Moses: “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

So then, it does not depend on man’s desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

- Romans 9:15-16

Five Dynamic Verses

If you confess with your mouth,
“Jesus is Lord,” and
believe in your heart that God raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved.

-Romans 10:9

Five Dynamic Verses

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.

How then can they call on the One in whom they have
not believed? And how can they believe in the One of
whom they have not heard? And how can they hear
without someone to preach?

And how can they preach unless they are sent?
As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of
those who bring good news!”

- Romans 10:13-15

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Consequently, faith comes by
hearing, and hearing by
the word of Christ.

- Romans 10:17

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O, the depth of the riches of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable His judgments,
and untraceable His ways!

Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been His counselor?

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Who has first given to God, that God should repay him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever!
Amen!

- Romans 11:33-36

The Transition from 8....

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Logical transition?...

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship.

-Romans 12:1

Not so fast Snowflake!

I speak the truth in Christ; I am not lying, as confirmed by my conscience in the Holy Spirit. I have deep sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

-Romans 9:1-2

For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my own flesh and blood, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory and the covenants; theirs the giving of the law, the temple worship, and the promises...

Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them proceeds the human descent of Christ, who is God over all, forever worthy of praise! Amen.

-Romans 9:3-5

3 Questions

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Q. What does this election mean? Is God unjust?

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Perspective

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

- Deuteronomy 29:29

Perspective

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

-1 Corinthians 13:12

What we know....

God is all- powerful

God is all-knowing

God is all-present

God is righteous

God is holy

God is just

God is Self-existent

God is transcendent

God is eternal

God is triune

God is good

God is merciful

God is grace

God is love

God is immutable

God is sovereign

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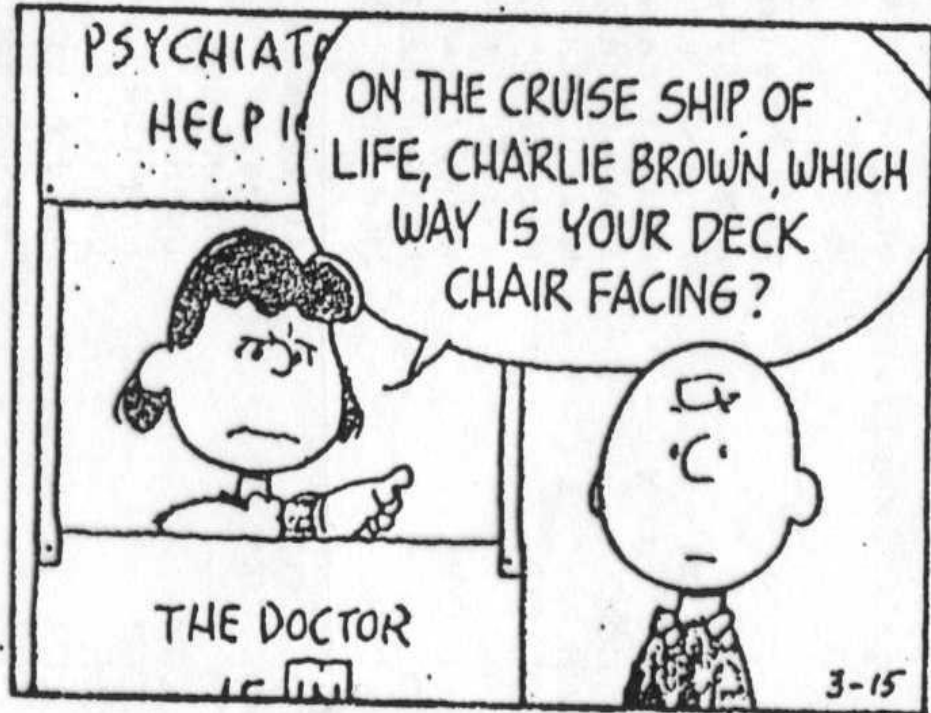
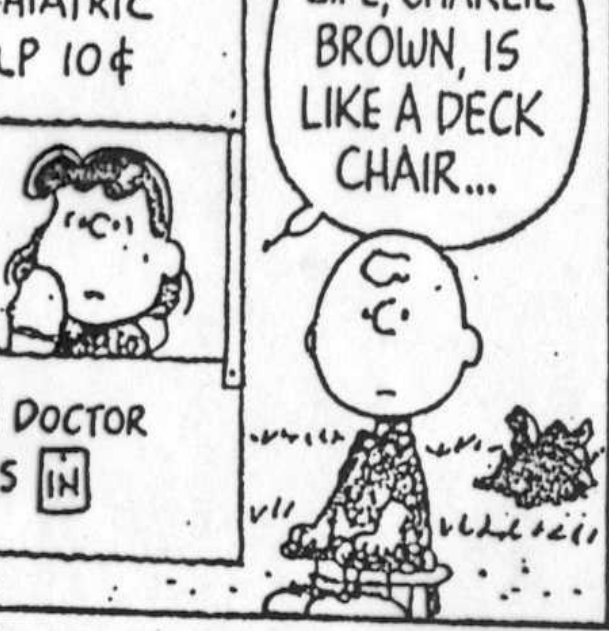
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Romans 9-11



The Doctrine of Unconditional Election

God chose before the foundation of the world who will be rescued from sin through faith in Christ and be undeservingly saved... and who will not be rescued from continuing in rebellion and thus not be saved, but deservingly perish.

God made these choices according to his own purposes apart from any conditions or qualities related to each person

Before we get to our 3 questions...

“How did this make you feel?”

Note: Check out Luke 4:14-28

Q.1: Did God's Word fail?

No!

It is not as though God's word has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are Abraham's descendants are they all his children. On the contrary, "Through Isaac your offspring will be reckoned." - Romans 9:6-7

Q.2: Is God unjust?

No!

So it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Certainly not! For He says to Moses: “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

- Romans 9:13-15

What kind of an answer is that?!!

Then Moses said, “Please show me Your glory.”

“I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you,” the LORD replied, “and I will proclaim My name the LORD before you.

I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” - Exodus 33:18-19

What do you think?

Perhaps unconditional election
is part of God's glory...?

It's a Life Changing Answer...

Ezekiel saw God's glory, fell to his knees and it changed everything...

“The appearance of the brilliant light all around Him was like that of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD and when I saw it, I fell facedown and heard a voice speaking.” – Ezekiel 1:28

Life Changer

Remember Job?

Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that You can do all things and that no plan of Yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this who conceals My counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know...

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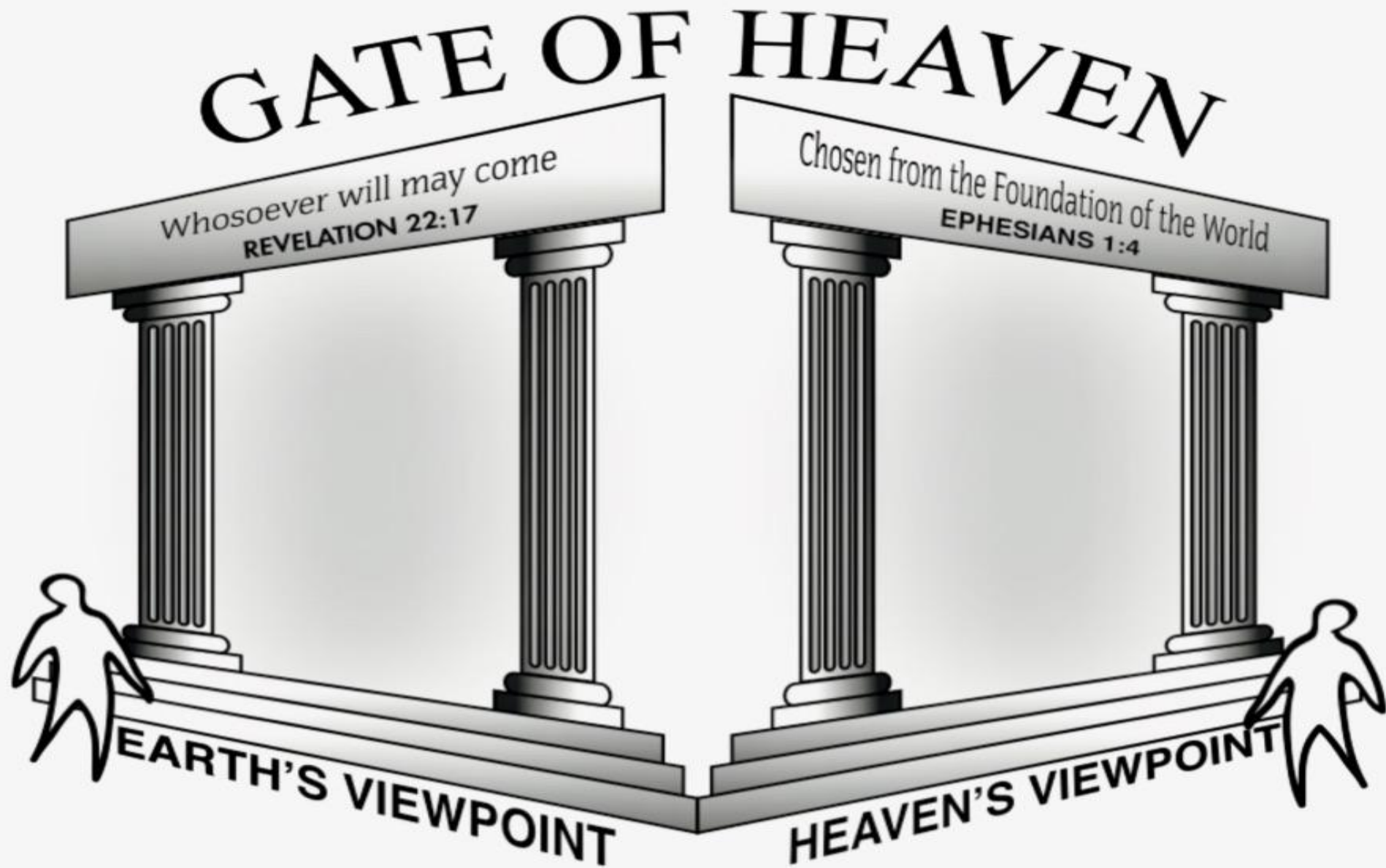
You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak. I will question you, and you shall answer.'

My ears had heard of You, but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore I retract my words, and I repent in dust and ashes.”

- Job 42:1-6

Consider Two World Leaders

The Queen of Sheba and King Nebuchadnezzar



A person standing outside the “gate of heaven” sees the inscription “Whosoever will may come!” Passing through and looking back he sees written on the other side, “Chosen from the foundation of the world!”

God's prerogatives include:

Gender...

Race...

Nationality...

Intellect...

Gifting...

Era...

Election...



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Perhaps we are OK with God as long as He
doesn't touch our autonomy?

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Perhaps we want to decide how God
dispenses grace? ...Be careful

Why such an issue with God's unconditional election?...

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somehow worthy of salvation?

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So then, it does not depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

- Romans 9:16

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God.

- Ephesians 2:8

God initiates everything

And if it is by grace, then it is no longer by works. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace.

- Romans 11:6

When Did Election Take Place?

He has saved us and called us to a holy life,
not because of anything we have done,
but because of his own purpose and grace.
This grace was given us in Christ Jesus
before the beginning of time.

- 2 Timothy 1:9

Before the Beginning of Time...

He was known before the foundation
of the world, but was revealed
in the last times for your sake.

- 1 Peter 1:20

Jesus substantiates Election... Could it be...?

Everyone the Father gives Me
will come to Me,
and the one who comes to Me
I will never drive away.

- John 6:37

7 Effects of Romans 9-11 on my life...

1. I fall to my knees in awe of God
2. I am lead to deeper depths of worship.
3. I am amazed at my own salvation
4. I am indebted to God's grace
5. I moan over the cheapening of grace
6. I groan over our God be-littling culture
7. I am sure that God will triumph in the end

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Therefore....

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