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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Romans

C9 Vss 1- c Paul cries out about his Jewish brethren. His ministry is to the Gentiles but he desires for his Jewish brethren to embrace Jesus.

He recounts the history, but wants to convince them that because they are related ethnically, others are also related ethnically to Abraham, but it does not make them children of God. Paul also explains that no one is worthy and the Jews are not special in anyway. God selected them out of His sovereignty. He loved Jacob, rejected Esau. No reason is given. And it's just and right because He is The creator ". He can do as he pleases (1-21).

God is all knowing and as a result, He already knows all who will come to a Him. Believers are among those he selected Jews and Gentiles (22-25). The door is now opened to the Gentiles as He promised to Hosea. Those who were not my people I will call my people (). This was the Hebrew's purpose. They were to they were to be the light to the world (). So Hosea's prophecy is not foreign.

Paul like a fine attorney shows how the Jews missed their calling. The Gentiles were made right by believing. The Jews were attempting to be right by the law. They stumble.

C10-12

C10 Paul again stated clearly he desires Israel to be saved. Paul describes what religion is. The Jews have a zeal but they want to employ their way of reaching God (1-3).

He makes it simple, Christ has already done what the law was designed to do. Believe in what He has done.

It is this framework that leads to what many call the Gospel in a nutshell. It is so important

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to connect the dots here. Merely saying something with the mouth is not what will save a person or operate at all in the faith-realm. The mouth must reflect what the reality in the heart is. He makes this clear, and it is so important to continue reading the context of all he says (4-10).

He further illustrates the significance of believing. He is able to demonstrate that when a person does not truly believe they don't or won't call on Him. This is the point. There are confessed believers who don't pray or obey. This is because they have a bankrupt confession. The confession is not based on anything. Then he further connects believing to those who bring the message. Remember this is the oral tradition period. There is no written New Testament concerning Jesus. So the messenger was extremely important. More than today when Bibles with both Testaments are available (11-15).

Paul underscores the place of God's Word. It is the source of faith. Paul concludes by returning to the Jews who have rejected Jesus.

C11 Paul continues with his appeal to Israel. He clearly has to show how they are wrong. They are not rejected. He shows himself as a Jew. He's clear that not all have rejected God's way in Christ. But their eyes are shut. He alludes to David's words that their blessings caused them to stumble. So, the Jews are not beyond recovery, but they are deeply lost.

Paul appointed to minister to the Gentiles wants to do what he can to cause the Jews to become Jealous. The objective is to get them to embrace Jesus. Be where they were called to be. It's marvelous how Paul paints the picture that the Gentiles have been grafted in to where branches have fallen.

Gentiles too must be careful. They are a branch and not the root. Paul points out how God can go either way. He can be kind or severe. This is a real problem for those who want to see God as a loving allow anything being.

It is noteworthy that previously, while Paul shares with the Jews that they are not truly Abraham's children unless they believe (), his message to the Gentiles is that they (Gentiles) yet have a special place with the God (1-29).

C12 Moving from the circumstances concerning the Jews rejection and how Gentiles are received, he addresses the issue of sin. He calls on the Gentiles to be a living sacrifice. He employs the believers to function according to their gifts and to love each other.

So he's moved to the personal function that give the church life and sustainability. He provides a series of proverb like commands: Help the needy. Be happy with the happy and weep with those weeping. Don't be a know it all and attempt to enjoy all people. Don't take revenge. Don't be conquered by evil.

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