

## The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God



## Romans 9-11

Israel and the Promise of God

<sup>6</sup> But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are from Israel;

<sup>7</sup> nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

<sup>8</sup> That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

<sup>9</sup> For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

<sup>10</sup> And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived *twins* by one man, our father Isaac;

<sup>11</sup> for though they were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to election might stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

<sup>12</sup> it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

<sup>13</sup> Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

(Romans 9:6-13)

## Summary:

➤ The creation of *true* Israel is only by the word of promise, not according to the flesh or works but the freedom of God's mercy

A. Isaac not Ishmael

B. Jacob not Esau

## Unconditional Election

- Participation in salvation-blessing comes only as the result of God's call according to His choice, not based on anything in the person

## Unconditional Election

- Jacob and Esau
  - both the offspring of Isaac
  - shared the same mother
  - God's promise came before they were born
  - the younger inherited the promise

## Unconditional Election

1. God's choice is not based on any human activity
  - God's choice not only came *before* they had done anything but also was not *based* on anything they had done
  - God's choice was based on the One who "calls" ("call" – God's effective summons by which people are brought into relationship with Him)

## Unconditional Election

2. God's purpose stands by means of election
  - unconditional election ensures that God's purpose does not fail
  - if God's purpose is ultimately contingent on human activity, then it would fail

## Unconditional Election

Q: What is the electing purpose of God?

- Individuals or Nations?