

**GOD'S WORD DECLARES, IT IS GOD'S WILL, FOR ALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED**

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- 1Timothy 2:3,4* God our Saviour; **who desires to have all men to be saved**, and come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 2Peter 3:9* The Lord is.....**not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**
- Romans 5:18* As by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation; **even so by the righteousness of One the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**
- John 5:34* **But these things I say, that you might be saved.** (*v16-18* Jesus was speaking to the Jews who were seeking to kill Him.) (*v40* and you will not come to Me, that you might have life.)
- Acts 17:24-27* God .....has made of one blood all nations of men.....**that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might seek for Him and find Him.**
- Romans 10:13* **For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.**
- Romans 10:12* For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; **for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.**
- Acts 17:30,31* **But now (God) commands all men everywhere to repent:** because He has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man, whom He has ordained. (What God commands, He enables. God is just.)
- John 3:16* **God so loved the world**, that He gave His only begotten Son, **that whosoever believes in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life.
- John 3:17* For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through Him might be saved.**
- Ezekiel 18:23,32* “Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord God; **“and not that He should return from his ways and live? For I have no pleasure of the death of him that dies”**, says the Lord.
- Deuteronomy 30:19* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose life that both you and your children may live.**
- Matthew 22:9* Go therefore into the highways, **and as many as you shall find, invite to the marriage.**
- Luke 19:41,42* When He came near, **He beheld the city and wept over it**, saying, “If you had known, even you, in this your day, the things which belong unto your peace! but now they are hid from your eyes.”
- 1John 4:14* We have seen and testify **that the Father sent the Son to be Saviour of the world.**
- James 1:5* If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, **who gives to all men liberally**, and without reproach, and it shall be given him.
- 1John 2:2* **He is the propitiation**, (turns away God's wrath), **for our sins:** and not for ours only, **but also for the sins of the whole world.**
- Matthew 18:11, Luke 19:10* **For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which was lost.**
- John 1:29* Behold the Lamb of God, **which takes away the sin of the world.**
- John 12,47* **I came not to judge the world but to save the world.**
- Romans 14:15* Destroy not him with your eating, **for whom Christ died.**
- 2Corinthians 5:14,15* We thus judge, **that if one died for all**, then were all dead, **and that He died for all, that those who live should...live...unto Him.**

*1Timothy 2:5,6* **Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.**

*Hebrews 2:9* We see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels....**that He.... should taste death for every man.**

*2Peter 2:1* There shall be false teachers among you,....even denying **the Lord that bought them.** (You see, He bought or paid for even those that perish.)

*Ezekiel 18:25-27* **Is not My way equal, (fair, just)?** When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and dies in them; for his iniquity that he has done he shall die. **Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.**

**God is just, fair and equal to every person. He does not arbitrarily, or unconditionally, choose some to be saved and the rest to be damned. God's choice, or "election", is, "He who believes shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be damned".** *John 3:18, John 3:36, Mark 16:16, 1John 5:10.*

**God's "sovereignty" cannot act independently from His justice, mercy, truth, love, and grace. God acts as a whole Person. He does not act "sovereignly" at the expense or denial of His other attributes such as justice, mercy, truth, love and grace.**

**Some comments from *Romans 9*, about Esau and Jacob, Pharaoh and the Potter and the clay.**

**Verse 8.** That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of **the promise** are counted for the seed. ("**of the promise**" means **of the Spirit**, *Acts 2:33, 2:38,39, Galatians 3:14*, and means **of the Word**, *Romans 9:9*, For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah will have a son.")

**Verses 10-11.** Rebecca bore twins, Esau and Jacob. According to His foreknowledge, *Romans 8:29, 1Peter 1:2*, God knew that Esau would walk after the flesh, *Romans 8:5-8*, and that Jacob would have a heart after God and highly value his relationship with God. In the following references this distinction between Esau and Jacob is made clear: *Genesis 25:29-34, 26:34,35, 27:1-46, 28:1-9, 10-22, 31:1-18, 32:1-32.* According to foreknowledge God's choice came on Jacob.

**Verse 12.** Before the twins were born, God said to Rebecca, "The elder shall serve the younger." *Genesis 25:23.* This did not occur in the lives of Esau and Jacob as individuals, but in their descendants. *1Chronicles 18:13.*

**Verse 13.** "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." "Hated" means to love less, in this context, as it is used in *Luke 14:26.* KJV . Esau was a blessed man. *Genesis 33:9, 27:39,40.* He may have come to faith and been saved by God.

**Verse 14-16.** "Is there unrighteousness with God? Of course not! **God has a right to fix the terms on which He will show mercy.** **His terms are, "He who believes shall be saved and he who does not believe shall be damned."** *Mark 16:16, John 3:18, John 3:36, 1John 5:10.* This is God's "election" or "choice". *1Peter 1:2, Ephesians 1:4, 2Thessalonians 2:13.*

**Verse 17, 18.** King Pharaoh set his heart against God and His people. He attempted to kill all the male babies of the Israelites. *Exodus 1:8-22.* In hardening Pharaoh's heart, God was confirming Pharaoh in the way Pharaoh had chosen. *Exodus 7:3,13,22.* God has mercy on them that believe, but the obstinate, wilful, unbelievers, He hardens. God has the right to set the terms on which He shows mercy.

**Verse 19.** Those who object to this, say to Paul, "Why does He (God) still find fault" with those He has hardened? "For who has resisted His will?"

**Verse 20, 21.** Man, as a created being, has no right to challenge God and say, "Why have You made me like this?" Why have You made me capable of salvation only on these terms? That is, salvation only on the basis of grace through faith, and not by works and human effort? *Ephesians 2:8,9.* The Jews rejected this position, *Romans 9:31,32, 10:3*, and "followed after the law of righteousness", "by the works of the law".

**Verse 21.** "Has not the Potter power over the clay", ... "to make one vessel", namely, the believer "to honour", and the unbeliever to "dishonour?" God has the right to distribute eternal honour and dishonour on whatever terms He chooses.