

How can God hold us responsible for disobedience if He has caused it?

13. True or False: Since God shows *mercy to all* (*Romans 11:32*), this must mean that everyone will be saved. Explain.

14. How are you praying for ABC this week?

Quotes to Ponder

We are accepted by God only on the basis of what Jesus Christ has done. How dare we wave the tattered rags of a quiet time and think that somehow that makes a difference in heaven. I'm all for having a quiet time and all for treating people right and totally on the side of living for the Lord, but all of that cannot add even a tiny sliver to our acceptance before God.

We depend totally on God's mercy for everything we receive from the Lord.

Ray Pritchard

It is only in the context of disobedience that mercy has relevance and meaning.

John Murray

When the Lord God gives a gift, it is irrevocable. When the Lord God exercises His redeeming call on someone, it is final; He never takes it back. The supreme gift we have been given is grace, the gift of the mercy by which we have been called and brought into the kingdom and the fellowship of Christ and adopted into His household. God will never under any circumstances revoke it. Even our disobedience, which may displease Him and provoke Him to corrective wrath, will not cause Him to take that gift away.

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Message #80: Beloved Enemies & Our Unchanging God

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Sermon
Notes

1. God's Beloved Enemies (28-29)

2. God's Methods (30-31)

3. God's Mercy (32)

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. How does this passage apply to your everyday Christian life?

3. How does God view Israel (*Romans 11:28*)?

4. In what sense are the Jews *enemies for your* (Gentiles') *sake* (*Romans 11:28*)?

5. Why is it significant that *from the standpoint of God's choice they* (the Jews) *are beloved for the sake of the fathers* (*Romans 11:28*)?

6. How is *Romans 11:29* an encouragement to you?

How can you respond to this encouragement?

7. What evidence has Paul presented in *Romans 11* to answer his opening question, *Has God rejected His people?* and thus prove his statement in *Romans 11:29*?

8. True or False: Since God designed and controls history, then He is the author of sin. Explain.

9. What is Paul saying about Jews in *Romans 11:30-32*?

10. What is Paul saying about Gentiles in *Romans 11:30-32*?

11. What connections do you see behind man's disobedience and God's mercy (*Romans 11:30-32*)?

12. If *God has shut up all in disobedience* (*Romans 11:32*), where does human responsibility lie?