Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Romans 9:1-29

God's Sovereign Choice

9:1-13

From the patriarchs to the fulfillment of God's promises in the Messiah, Israel has been part of God's plan. Israel's failure to accept Jesus as the Messiah does not mean God's Word has failed. God's sovereignty is displayed in His choice of Isaac to fulfill the promise of descendants for Abraham. Choosing Isaac and Jacob before birth displays God's sovereign choice for His reasons and not human merit. God's choice of Jacob reveals His higher favor and will concerning Jacob, not dislike for Esau. The election of Israel to receive God's blessings and favor was based on God's plan not man's work. All deserve God's wrath and punishment, but some are called and blessed by God's election to salvation.

Trust in God's sovereignty, knowing His will and His plans are ______.

God's Perfect Character

God is inherently just and righteous so He cannot be unjust.

Mercy is a gift and cannot be earned through merit or effort.

God is the giver of mercy and has the right to choose those who receive His gift.

God allowed Pharaoh's evil character to flourish which hardens his heart as he ignored God's miracles. Compassion and mercy are extended according to God's will, not man's will.

Trust in God's character, knowing He is ______ and just.

God's Patient Endurance

As a potter has authority over the clay, a sovereign God has authority over His created beings.

People become objects of God's wrath by opposing Him and pursuing sin.

The riches of God's glory are displayed in those who believe the gospel.

God has patiently endured the antagonism of those who oppose Him.

Despite Israel's rebellion and exile, God promised to restore them as His people.

Gentiles are included in God's redemptive plan along with the remnant of believing Jews.

Trust in God's patient endurance, knowing He is ______to keep His promises.

Key: good, righteous, faithful

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GENESIS 16:15 And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

GENESIS 21:12 But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

GENESIS 25:22-23 The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."

1 CORINTHIANS **1**:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROMANS 8:29-30 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

ISAIAH 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the LORD. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'"

DEUTERONOMY 32:4 "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

1 TIMOTHY 2:3-4 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 PETER 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

ROMANS 11:25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

1 TIMOTHY 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.