

Romans Lesson #16

BSF Scripture Reading:

FIRST DAY:

1. Lecture principles:
2. Read the lesson notes

SECOND DAY:

Read Romans 9:1-5

God's Sovereign Choice

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Question 3

Exodus 32:30-32; [30] The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

[31] So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. [32] But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”

Luke 19:41-44; [41] As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it [42] and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. [43] The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. [44] They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.”

John 10:11; [11] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Romans 9:1-29; See day 6

Question 4

Romans 8:1, 35, 38-39; [8:1] Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

[35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

[38] For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, [39] neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THIRD DAY

Read Romans 9:6-13

[6] It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. [7] Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” [8] In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. [9] For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

[10] Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. [11] Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: [12] not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” [13] Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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Question 6b

Romans 2:28-29; [28] Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. [29] They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,

FOURTH DAY

Read Romans 9:14-21

[14] What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! [15] For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” [16] It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. [17] For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” [18] Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden. [19] One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?” [20] But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” [21] Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

Question 8

Exodus 7:3, 13; 8:32; 14:4; [3] But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt,

[13] Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

remained. [32] But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

[4] And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians

will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.

Question 9

Isaiah 29:16; 64:8; [16] You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, “He did not make me”? Can the pot say of the potter, “He knows nothing”?

[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Jeremiah 18:6; [6] “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

2 Timothy 2:20; [20] In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.

FIFTH DAY:

Read Romans 9:22-29

[22] What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction?

[23] What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory — [24] even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? [25] As he says in Hosea:

“I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,”

[26] and, “It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them,

‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

[27] Isaiah cries out concerning Israel:

“Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea,

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his sentence on earth with speed and finality.”

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Question 12

Ephesians 1:7-8, 18-23; 2:1-10; [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace [8] that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

[18] I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, [20] which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, [21] far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. [22] And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

[2:1] As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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