

Romans: The Gospel

Irrevocable

Romans 11:29

<p>Previously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel's rejection, their choice • God still offers personal salvation, but nation/ethnos in time-out • Jews cut off, Gentiles grafted in • Jews/nation to be grafted back in <p>[Pray] :29</p>	<p>Irrevocable</p> <p>Vocal - voice, audible calling (maga vox TV)</p> <p>KJV - “without repentance” Literally “Unregretted”</p> <p><u>God’s mind hasn’t changed about Israel, salvation, or you</u></p>
<p>Ever make a choice you wish you could take back? Say something regrettable?</p> <p><i>I said something years ago in emotion that I begged God for it to not go the way I had said Thankfully, he was merciful</i></p> <p>Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional - based on feelings. Feelings ____ (lie, change) • Rational - spreadsheets, evidence. <p><i>Love is more than a feeling, a commitment</i></p>	<p>Only one way to determine God’s will: ASK HIM! Pray and read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Make decisions based on the Word of God</u> <i>False prophets, financial advice</i> <p>He’s the solid rock on which we stand. <i>Logos, rhema</i></p> <p><i>Tell him what you’re thinking, feeling Be regular in devotions, church, fellowship</i></p>
<p>When God makes a decision, that’s it. King’s decree. <i>“Once you commit, that is it”</i></p> <p>Does God ever have regrets? Genesis 6:6...making man when they were continually wicked</p> <p>Ex 32 - Moses pleads with God to not destroy Israel - Lord relented/repented/compassion</p> <p>1 Sam 15:11 - given Saul, a man, power</p>	<p><i>DG “He leaves the path open to restoration” MH “We never find God repenting that he had given a man grace or called him”</i></p> <p>God’s <u>regret</u> is not the same as ours</p> <p>We do something because we want to, think it’s right, etc.</p> <p>Regret it when it hurts us, lose out, etc.</p>

<p>We maybe even have a godly regret</p> <p>things we didn't regret before knowing Jesus now after - missed out on righteousness</p> <p><i>Dating before being saved - can't wait, how many. After the Lord, not at all until God says so. Wish I could have dated my wife only</i></p>	<p>God has "regrets" in the sense that he hates evil outcomes and the harm it does to others</p> <p>His ultimate desire is compassion, not judgment - until the time for judgment comes</p> <p><u>His plans and will are always good, never to be regretted</u></p>
<p>So what isn't God regretting?</p> <p>What won't he take back?</p> <p>Undo?</p> <p>Gifts - charisma "charismatic" idea of gifts of the Spirit comes from it</p> <p>Used 5x in Romans 1-6 Elsewhere, Marriage, spiritual gifts</p> <p>root - God's favor is the all-encompassing charisma gift, grace</p>	<p>Calling - calling, invitation To salvation, married or not married, the hope of</p> <p>The heavenly calling In some sense, God's will and purpose for your life is a part of this</p> <p>It's what the world is searching for, longing for, wrongly label things as</p> <p><i>"It's my calling to be a ____"</i> <i>Maybe you like _____, maybe you're good, maybe God will use that even to spread gospel...</i></p>
<p>What is the main call of God, on <u>everyone</u>? J & G</p> <p>Phil 3:14 "upward call of God in Christ Jesus"</p> <p>To go to heaven! To be with Him! To be saved from YOUR sin!</p> <p>God will never regret inviting anyone and everyone (Jew and Gentile) to heaven, to salvation, to follow Him</p>	<p>How does this apply to <u>Israel</u>?</p> <p>God's not done with them!</p> <p>He doesn't regret calling them, inviting them, making them His people</p> <p>Even though <u>they've</u> rejected him - It's not what he wanted But he will use it</p> <p>But they can come back anytime But they won't until the fullness of the gentiles</p>

<p>God's economy is fullness</p> <p>He's always ready to restore relationship</p> <p>He's cast them off (for a time) because they've rejected Him</p> <p>But he's only cast them off because He knew they'd reject Him</p>	<p>They didn't reject Him because He rejected them first</p> <p>It's a little dizzying from our perspective, in time, but not for God!</p> <p>1Jo 4:19 - We love Him because He first loved us.</p>
<p>So what about you and me? Other Christians?</p> <p>Calling, ministry, failure, rejection?</p> <p>#1 The calling to heaven and grace of God are always available - while you're alive</p>	<p>God never regrets leaving the porch light on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prodigal son</i> • The invitation is always open. • destination has not been reached yet. • movie is still in theaters. • doors are still open.
<p>If you repent now, you've got a guaranteed ticket.</p> <p>That's your choice.. But it won't always be that way.</p> <p>One day you'll die, Kyle Busch</p>	<p>One day the last acceptance or rejection will happen, fullness of Gentiles</p> <p>Deception will be so strong people remaining will likely take mark - and that's it</p> <p>2 Cor 6:2c Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.</p>
<p>#2 Part of God's calling, and invitation to heaven...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To "follow Him" • To be a disciple • And disciples make disciples (where those spiritual gifts, graces, personal heavenly work calling come in) <p>A Christian is a disciple by nature If you're not a disciple...</p>	<p>Jesus had many <u>followers</u> in crowds, many turned back</p> <p>The true disciples all kept going (more than just the 12 official "disciples"). Their whole life's direction changed.</p> <p>Jesus drafts no one into His army to sit on the bench</p> <p>If you're saved, you have a calling to ministry along the way (parables of talents)</p>

<p>That calling can only be fulfilled in/through/with...</p> <p>charisma - God's grace & gifts</p> <p>2 Cor 2:16c And who is sufficient for these things?</p> <p><u>And it isn't dependant on your natural ability</u></p> <p>Act 4:13 - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.</p> <p>Your calling comes from Jesus And Jesus alone</p>	<p>You'll find it following Him, spending time with Him and no where else</p> <p><u>Can't be learned, bought (Simon sorcerer) Laying hands on!</u></p> <p><i>Seminary/Cemetary/School of Moses</i></p> <p>It's dependant on God's Holy Spirit working through you</p> <p>And that ministry doesn't need to have a label or a title</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mom, Dad, son, daughter, brother, sister, husband, wife - all ministries for Christians • Bus driver, chef, flight attendant, government official - all ministries for Christians
<p>If you love God, obey Him (like Wed night)</p> <p>His Calling will never contradict His Word</p> <p>2Pe 1:10 - Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;</p> <p>God has called you to heaven and given you something to do on the way - do you know what it is? Are you making it sure?</p> <p>Other believers will see it, and ratify it</p>	<p><i>I don't teach the Bible, pastor, move around the country BECAUSE I'm ordained</i></p> <p><i>I was ordained because the men in ministry around me saw the work ALREADY being done</i></p> <p><i>And the charisma of God, His grace on my life, and the fruit from it</i></p> <p>Gotta be tested!</p> <p>1 Tim 5:22a Do not lay hands on anyone hastily</p> <p><i>David in the fields with the sheep before a King with people</i></p>
<p><i>Requirements for church leadership - make it clear and keep sheep safe -</i></p>	<p><i>not everyone should do it, stricter judgment Don't choose it - can't do anything else!</i></p>

<p>#3 So ... about those who fail, sin, mess up, hurt others</p> <p>There's always personal grace Always personal forgiveness <u>But there's also consequences</u></p> <p><i>Assault, crime...show them grace in prison</i> <i>Justice is necessary to protect the innocent</i></p> <p>Yet, God can restore the years the "locusts have eaten" - or what you've messed up</p>	<p><i>Your call is not perfection, but to be with Jesus</i></p> <p>We'll start at the "top" prominent ministry and unrepentant sin</p> <p>God always gives time for repentance Bring conviction after conviction to personally turn</p> <p>But if not... Numbers 32:23 "your sin will find you out"</p> <p>Discipline depends on sin, reach and repentance</p>
<p>And discipline, removal from ministry - is necessary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To protect the sheep, allow them to be healed, not lead them astray any longer 2. To bring the "minister" to personal repentance, that their relationship with the Lord would be righted 3. To reveal to the church and the World the righteousness of God, especially in His own house <p>Context is big. David was king, not a priest Ananias and Sapphira...lied to the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Acts 5:5 ...So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.</p>	<p>1-2 Corinthians, man in sin, cast out - until he repented, then restored</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No matter the size of the failure, the disciple can always be restored personally with the Lord 2. Depending on the type of failure, they can be restored to fellowship (may need to be a different church in a different location to protect the people that were hurt) <p>Forgiveness is the bedrock of our faith. We are forgiven so we must also forgive.</p> <p>But forgiveness doesn't mean restoration into power, authority, leadership</p>
<p>Real repentance will be OK with that</p> <p>Real repentance understands the hurt it caused</p> <p>and that they really don't deserve even the restoration to fellowship, <u>let alone lead</u></p>	<p>A marriage may be restored But a ministry, probably not</p> <p>may never be a part of that person's life again, the judgment stricter</p> <p>For other's sake, the gospel's sake</p>

BUT... the gifts and calling are irrevocable?!

- Yes, that person is still given grace by God
- Still invited to heaven
- NO REGRETS

And to some degree, still may have gift of teaching, or evangelism

BUT they may, like Jacob, walk with a limp, a spiritual handicap

Forgiven like Cain, but marked by God

Personally forgiven, corporately forgiven, but disqualified for leadership

Still going to heaven,
still a brother or sister
Not to be held over them, looked at differently

But facing the consequences of their sinful actions

Those hurt need justice, too
There is a line that can't be crossed
There is a point of no return

For the person who went too far...
Missing out on all God had for them
God will still use them, but not the same way
A life, full of regret becomes the cross to bear

Heb 3:13 - but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

We shouldn't want anyone to miss out on the grace and invitation of God

Or reject the call because of our actions

If you're hearing the call, feeling the invite
Take God up on His offer

If you've fallen, repent, seek grace, seek restoration to God

He'll work it all out

That's the only heart we should have anyway - to be One with God

Any and all ministry flows out of that anyway, without it, any "ministry" is dead

Grafted in/John 15:5

Amazing thing, God calls and invites us while we're sinners
Knowing what we will do even after we get saved

Pro 24:16-17 - For a righteous [man] may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity. Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

<p>If you've fallen, lean on Jesus, get back up. Keep following His voice His call, His invitation Make sure, at any cost, you get to heaven</p> <p>Mat 18:8-9 - "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast [it] from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast [it] from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire."</p>	<p>And if you know someone who's fallen, backslidden, hasn't repented</p> <p>Or has and is stuck in the mud, stuck in a rut, doesn't have hope - so broken over their failure</p> <p>Gal 6:1-2 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who [are] spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.</p>
<p>If that's you, he's still calling you. Still inviting you. He doesn't regret you even if you have major regrets. He can still do amazing things in you, through you. Don't give up. Keep going.</p> <p>God's not done with Israel. He's not done with you. Don't let your regrets make more regrets.</p>	<p>Wherever you are Whatever successes or failures Trophies or regrets</p> <p>Don't take the call lightly It isn't revocable</p> <p>Let the fact He doesn't regret calling you Give you strength to Keep going until you get all the way home</p>

God loves Israel, God Loves us it's why He doesn't regret it

We take it back when we love the thing more than the person.
They're not taking care of xyz, **don't deserve it in our opinion**

We don't deserve God's love, grace, gifts, calling... whether we're good or bad
So He'll never regret it because He IS love.