

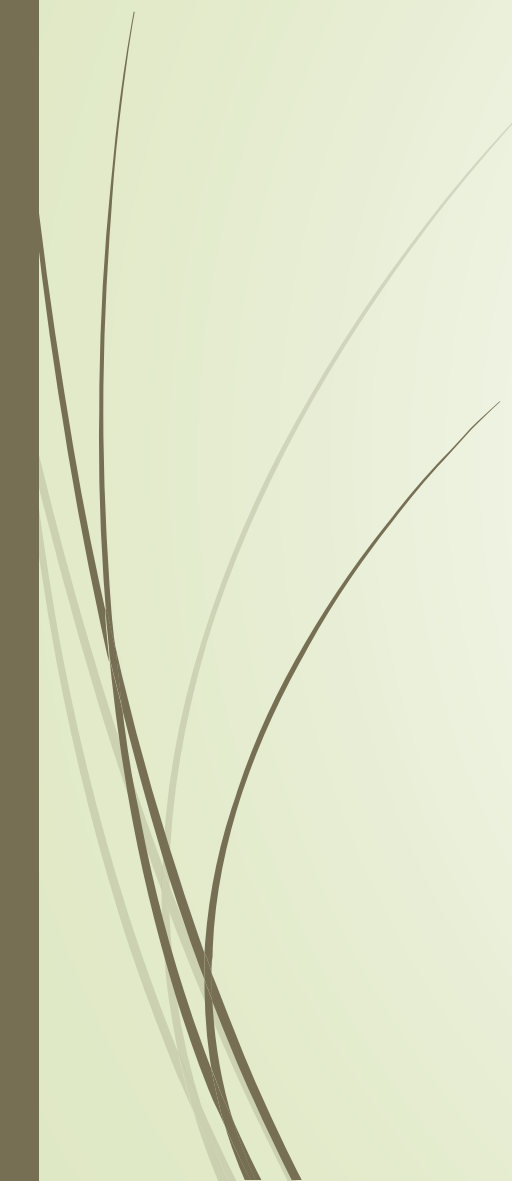


Has God's Word Failed?



Paul's message in Romans 9

God's word has not failed because the promise is intended for the elect remnant.





Paul's Argument in Romans 9 - 11

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Sovereign election explains why God's word has not failed

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Israel has been rejected because of their unbelief

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Israel's rejection is not the end of the story



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John
Murray

**“there is an “Israel”
within ethnic Israel”**

(Romans, Vol. 2, p. 9)



John
Piper

Some of Paul's readers may have thought, "if God, in determining who will be the beneficiaries of his mercy, does not base his decisions on any human distinctives that a person may claim by birth or effort, then he is unrighteous"

(The Justification of God, p. 218)



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“Mercy” (broad definition)

*Not receiving what you deserve
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3. God saves those who trust Him by faith (9:30-33).



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Bruce

“The Jews (for the most part) continued to pursue the path of legal righteousness, seeking acceptance with God on the basis of their law-keeping, and yet never attained that goal”

(Romans, p. 186)