
THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: Once Chosen, Never Forgotten

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When Everything Seems Hopeless, Remember God's Not Done Yet

¹¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ³“Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” ⁴But what is God's reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

If You Are a Believer, You Have Been Chosen to
Contend for The Faith

God Does Not Call Me to Win the Battle;
Just to Fight the Battle

In This Battle, I Want to Remind You of 3 Things

1. We Must Not Think Because We Are Not Winning That We Have Failed
2. We Fight in a Spiritual Battle That Will Not End Until Jesus Comes Again
3. We Must Fight with Spiritual Weapons

Once Chosen, Never Forgotten vs 7-10, 11-12, 13-16

Chosen Means God Will Never Give Up on Me

How Does God Select Which Sinners He Will Chose?

The Common Mistake Believers Make

Two Illustrations

Chosen Does Not Mean Permissiveness vs17-21, 22-32

Revelation 2:1-5

God May Not Give Up on Me, But That Doesn't Mean He Is Going to Let Me Get Away from Living Anything but A Spirit Filled
Jesus Following Life

Paul's Emphasis on Kindness and Severity

The Gifts and Calling of God Are Irrevocable

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

All Things Are:

From Him – Source

Through Him – Agency

To Him – Sovereignty

This Awesome God Desires a Relationship with Me –
Not an Acquaintanceship