



ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

BACK TO PROMISES
Romans 6:1-29

WHY?

- The reason for chapters 9-11:
What place does Israel hold in God's plan of salvation?
- Paul's thesis:
"It is not as though God's word had failed (v 6a)


MAJOR POINTS

1. God had never promised to save every single Jew (9:6b-29).
2. The Jews are themselves responsible for failing to believe (9:30-10:21).
3. God's promises to Israel are even now being fulfilled in a remnant of Jewish Christians (11:1-10).
4. God will yet save *all* of Israel (11:12-32).




THE FIRST PREMISE:

A. There is an Israel within Israel (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—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³ Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”