



# Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans  
Week 14 - God's Continuous Plan

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**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

**“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”**

**“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”**

**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**

*Romans 11:33-36 ESV*

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# Outline

- **Paul's sorrow over Israel's faithlessness (vv.1-5)**
- **Has God's word failed? (vv.6-13)**
- **Is God unjust? (vv.14-18)**
- **If God is sovereign, are we responsible? (vv.19-29)**
- **Righteousness by faith (vv.30-33)**

# Paul's Sorrow Over Israel's Faithlessness

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

*Romans 9:3-5 ESV*

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*Romans 9:6-7a ESV*

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*Romans 9:6-8 ESV*

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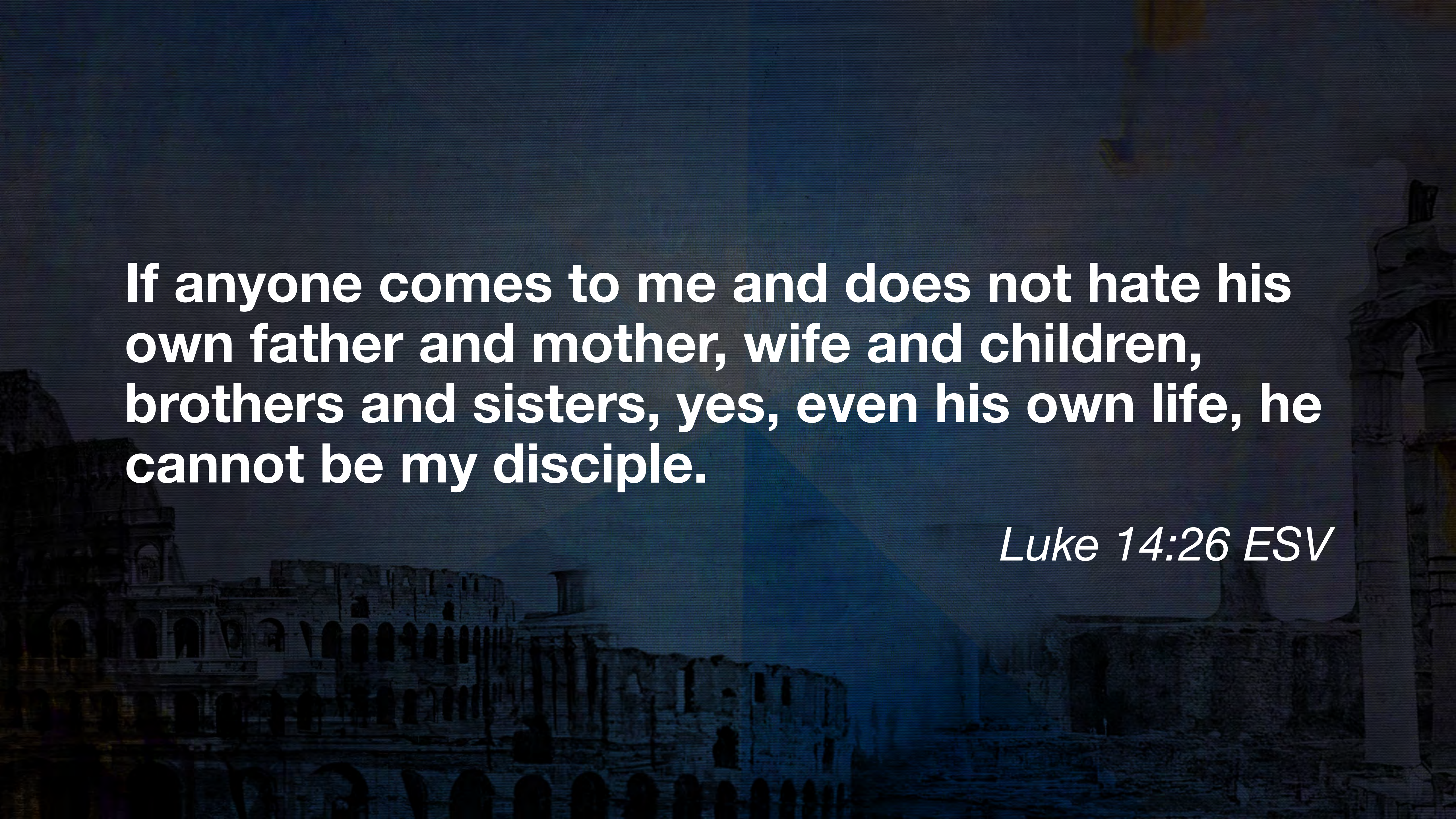
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*Romans 9:10-13 ESV*



**If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.**

*Luke 14:26 ESV*

# Is God Unjust?

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

*Romans 9:14-16 ESV*

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**For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.**

*Romans 9:17-18 ESV*

# If God Is Sovereign, Are We Responsible?

You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”

*Romans 9:19 ESV*

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**But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?**

*Romans 9:20-21 ESV*

**“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?  
He who argues with God, let him answer it.”**

**Then Job answered the Lord and said:**

**“Behold, I am of small account; what shall I  
answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I  
have spoken once, and I will not answer;  
twice, but I will proceed no further.”**

*Job 40:2-5 ESV*

# If God Is Sovereign, Are We Responsible?

What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory - even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

*Romans 9:22-24 ESV*

# Righteousness By Faith

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written,

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**“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”**

*Romans 9:30-33 ESV*