

“God’s Vindication of His Righteousness, Part 1”

A Study of the Book of Romans

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Key Truth: God vindicates his righteousness by showing that his Word has not failed.

God’s Righteous is His way of doing things. What God does, based on who God is, showing us how God acts. God doesn’t always tell us *why* he acts. But he does often show us *how* he acts. So, by understanding what God does, we can know more about how he acts (his righteousness), and discover more of who he is. The flavor of Paul’s argument in these verses suggests some of his readers have a problem with *how* God does things. This is nothing new. Adam did the same thing when God caught him hiding himself after eating the forbidden fruit (see Genesis 3:12). Adam questioned God’s righteousness. Sadly, we do the same thing. So, Paul vindicates God’s righteousness by clarifying God’s Word and relying on those very Scriptures to explain who God is and how he works.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 9:6-13** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in part one of the sermon entitled “**God’s Vindication of His Righteousness.**”

DIG IN

1. God’s Promise Continues. (Romans 9:6-9)

In what specific ways do people sometimes claim that God’s Word has failed?

In what sense are the children of Abraham not the children of Abraham (v. 7, see Romans 4:12)?

How does being “counted as offspring” (v. 8) relate to our being counted righteous in God’s sight?

In what ways does the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham (v. 9) vindicate his righteousness?

2. God’s Purpose Continues. (Romans 9:10-13)

Why does the passage from one generation to the next illustrate the continuation of God’s promise and purpose?

Why would Esau have been the obvious choice to carry on God’s purpose? In what ways is God’s choice not the obvious one?

Why does God skirt human nature to demonstrate that he is the One who chooses (see 2 Corinthians 4:7; Judges 7:2)?

In what ways is God’s purpose of election exemplified in the gospel?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?