**Romans Series July 2, 2023**

**The Sovereignty of God – Romans 9:14-33**



1. God’s **Mercy** and **Justice** Romans 9:14-18

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2. God’s **Wrath** and **Patience** Romans 9:19-24

* Since God is all powerful (omnipotent), He exercises that power according to His perfect will
	+ God is merciful toward upon some people, both Jews and Gentiles (salvation is not based on birth)
	+ God is patient to allow time for those headed for wrath and destruction so that they are without excuse before Him (human responsibility)
* Illustration: the potter and the clay
	+ Potter determines what will be made
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* God’s patience toward all mankind enables people to see the vast riches of God and give Him glory
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* Those who reject Him ultimately receive His wrath in eternal destruction

3. God Calls Both **Jews** and **Gentiles** Romans 9:25-29

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