

## How To Live Like a King's Kid (Romans, Part 8)

### Many of God's children live below their privileges as King's Kids.

That's why we're studying the book of Romans – it tells us how to access the royalty that is already within us through the power of God's Spirit.

### Illustration: People cutting into a lineup, getting ahead of you

At first glance, chapters 9-11 of Romans seem like an **INTERRUPTION** to Paul's teaching about **SALVATION**. Why does he devote this lengthy section of his epistle to the history of the nation of **ISRAEL**? Why doesn't he just move from what we should believe (doctrinal teaching, chapters 1-8) to how we should behave (practical teaching, chapters 12-16)?

On second glance however, this section is an absolutely necessary part of Paul's teaching on **SALVATION BY GRACE**. Why? Because Paul had argued in chapter 8 that the believer is secure in Jesus Christ, and he anticipated that someone might ask, "**But what about the Jews?**" They were chosen by God, and yet now Paul is teaching that they are set aside and God is building His church. Did God fail to keep His promises to Israel? Did He just let the Gentiles cut in line ahead of them unfairly? In other words, the very character of God is at stake. If God has not been faithful to the Jews, how do we know He will be faithful to the church? That is why this section of Romans is so important.

<b>Romans 9</b>	<b>Past</b>	<b>Israel's ELECTION</b>
<b>Romans 10</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Israel's REJECTION</b>
<b>Romans 11</b>	<b>Future</b>	<b>Israel's RESTORATION</b>

To say the least, Paul was not at all appreciated by the Jews after his conversion. He had been a devout Pharisee and a zealous defender of their traditions, but now is more despised than a pagan Gentile. To them, he is now the Judas of Judaism. But actually, Paul's heart breaks for the Jewish people – he is one of them, and although he is an Apostle to the Gentiles, he always preaches the gospel to the Jews first in every city. He is genuinely, passionately concerned for Israel's spiritual condition.

But the Jews are for the most part unresponsive to the gospel, because to **ACCEPT** the gospel means that you have to **REJECT** religious ritual and pedigree, and even your own good works. And the Jews don't want to do that – after all, they are the descendants of Abraham! What they don't realize is that ritualism and legalism, even if they try to keep God's Law, have **NEVER** been a means of salvation, only a means of expressing **OBEDIENCE** to God. That's what Paul has made so clear thus far in Romans – Abraham was justified by **FAITH**, not by **WORKS**.

<b>Righteousness by the Law</b>	<b>Righteousness by Faith</b>
Only for the Jew	For "whosoever will"
Based on works	Comes by faith alone
Self-righteousness	God's righteousness
Cannot save	Brings salvation
Leads to pride	Leads to gratitude

What is so ironic in these chapters is that the message of salvation came **THROUGH** the Jews (Jesus) and was first given **TO** the Jews, but they rejected their own Messiah because tradition and legalism blinded them.

**Romans 9:30-33** What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

**Romans 10:1-3** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

**John 1:11-12** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

None of this means that God didn't keep His promise to the Jews; in fact, it show just how exactly He DID keep it! It was not Abraham's **PHYSICAL** descendants that received the promise, but his **SPIRITUAL** descendants (i.e. Isaac was the son of promise, Ishmael was the son of the flesh).

**Romans 9:6** Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

- **EKPIPTO** ("taken none effect") – pictures a ship going off course
- **Not all Israelites of the flesh were Israelites of the Spirit!**
- **Not all Apostolics that ATTEND church ARE the Church!**
- **Just because God's Word is not working in your life doesn't mean it doesn't work!**

**Israel was set aside because they disobeyed, and the Gentiles were given a chance to obey. That should make us incredibly GRATEFUL!**

**Romans 9:16** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

**Romans 9:26** And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

**Romans 11:19-21** Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

### **THEREFORE (because of chapters 9-11) ...**

Romans 3:20	Therefore of <b>CONDEMNATION</b>	<b>Therefore</b> by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
Romans 5:1	Therefore of <b>JUSTIFICATION</b>	<b>Therefore</b> being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
Romans 8:1	Therefore of <b>NO CONDEMNATION</b>	There is <b>therefore</b> now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
Romans 12:1	Therefore of <b>DEDICATION</b>	I beseech you <b>therefore</b> , brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

**Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And **be not conformed** to this world: **but be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**TRANSFORMED (“metamorphoo”)**: This word is the root of our English word “metamorphosis” and is also translated “transfigured” in Matthew 17:2) when Jesus’ divine nature manifested itself outwardly. In the same way, our inner redeemed nature is to show itself outwardly every day!

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Our unredeemed bodies are temporarily the home of God!**