

# The Sovereignty of God in Election

Romans 9:19-23

# Unconditional Election

God elects people to salvation by His own sovereign choice and not because of some future action they will perform or condition they will meet.

## Two Objections:

- Isn't that unjust? Vs. 14
- How can people be held responsible? Vs. 19

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2 Tim. 2:10  
Rom. 10:11-14

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Reason 2. God has His own reasons vs. 22-23



But [what] if God,

*because* He wished

[1] to manifest His wrath and

[2] to make known His power

bore with much patience the vessels of wrath  
prepared for destruction,

[3] [doing this because He wished] also  
to make known the riches of His  
glory upon vessels of mercy which  
He prepared beforehand for glory....