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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Romans 9:14-29

God is not required to have mercy on us; He is Sovereign. He would be justified to deal with us as our sins deserve. Yet, in His mercy He provides another way. As the scriptures explain, it is not simply the physical children of Abraham who are regarded as his "offspring," but those who accept the promise of God by faith (Romans 9:8).

To those who reject His offer of forgiveness in Christ God is justified in His wrath. Yet God shows patience and compassion. God offers salvation even to those who may ultimately reject Him! It is God who offers mercy; people, sadly, refuse the offer. Our salvation does not depend on what we deserve.

In the end it is no wonder that people who refuse God's offer of forgiveness are punished for their sin. However, it is amazing that God offers forgiveness to all who turn from sin and to Christ for salvation. As Paul wrote elsewhere, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith?and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

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