

## By No Means

### Description

[RG AUDIO 080111](#) Romans 9:10-18

Romans chapter 9, verse 15 is a particularly difficult verse. The point of this passage is to correct any assumed pride on the behalf of those who have known God's favor and blessing. We are admonished not to strut around with a sense of personal achievement in being recipients of God's grace. Instead we are called to be a thankful people for the gifts of God's mercies. We are to remember grace from God is always unearned and undeserved.

Nevertheless there is still concern for Esau, Pharaoh, and other people seemingly predestined to rebellion. The ultimate outcomes of these people's lives are not fully known. This passage is not particularly concerned with individual's salvation. Though there is an overarching assurance found in verse 14: "What then shall we say? Is God unjust?" This passage is within the context of the whole of Scripture which reveals God's plan to shower mercy on all who turn and seek his face.

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