

- **Manitoqua used to be RCA Camp. Calvinist**
- Orange City, IA; Holland, MI, New Holland, IL, Sioux City IA, Pella, IA
- **Tulip Festivals – What Calvinism Teaches.**
  - **T**otal Depravity, **U**nconditional Election (not based on your decision), **L**imited Atonement, **I**rresistible Grace (not based on your free will; can't resist God), **P**erseverance of the Saints.

**Scripture teaches that God chose some to serve Him as His representatives so that all people would have an opportunity to be saved by grace, through faith in Jesus. God doesn't choose for any to go to hell. On the contrary, He died on the cross that all can be saved.**

- **As 2 Peter 3:9 says, *Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.***
- Let's pick up in verse 10. **We just saw in verse 7-9 that people are "reckoned" right with God through Isaac and not Ishmael.**

Isaac = Faith in God Ishmael = our own works; self-fulfill the promise  
**Galatians 4:21-25** <sup>21</sup> *Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?* <sup>22</sup> *For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.* <sup>23</sup> *His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.* <sup>24</sup> *These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai (LAW) bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.* <sup>25</sup> *Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.* <sup>26</sup> *But the Jerusalem that is above is free (FREE FROM THE LAW: GRACE), and she is our mother.*

- **God says I'm gonna accomplish my purpose of bringing salvation through Isaac (grace through faith) and not through Ishmael (works).**

#### **PAUL WANTS THE JEWS IN THE PEWS TO UNDERSTAND:**

1. God chose to only save by faith in God's work, not works of man.
2. God didn't mean that ALL of Abraham's descendants are the chosen people through which he will fulfill his promises but only those from Isaac!

<sup>10</sup> *Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac.* <sup>11</sup> *Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup> not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger."* <sup>13</sup> *Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."*

- **Now some of you are going to say, God foreknew who would chose him or be good and who wouldn't and so he picked Jacob over Esau based on that. This says God didn't decide that way so, *God's purpose in election might stand***

- **In other words, God told Rebecca ahead of time who was chosen so nobody would get the idea that it had anything to do with Jacob or Esau's decisions or their actions. It's God's election only. *God's purpose in election might stand***
- **The Calvinist says, "See! God chose to save Jacob and not Esau.**
- **But this isn't talking about salvation.**
- There are descendants of Jacob that will go to hell and descendants of Esau that have accepted Christ.

**Why did God choose Jacob over Esau before they did anything good or bad?** So that the Jews in the Pews would understand that they aren't saved by their nationality or by what they do, but by having faith in "HIM". **Who is Him? God! What God?** The God who calls! **The God who calls who?** All people to be saved!

- **You Jews don't get to decide its through all the descendants of Abraham or by obeying the law or something else.**

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3. **God choses who He uses.**

<sup>13</sup> *Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."*

- **This trips people up.** Let me help you understand this because it's a Jewish turn of phrase. It doesn't mean HATE like we mean hate.
- **Luke 14:25-27** <sup>25</sup> *Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*

**All its saying is that God favored Jacob above Esau to be His corporate people who he would be his salvation bringing nation and who would get all the privileges of Verses 4 and 5.**

#### **PAUL WANTS THE JEWS IN THE PEWS TO UNDERSTAND:**

4. God is not unrighteous when he chooses some descendants for a noble cause and not others. God does this in the church- 1 Cor. 12
5. God is not unjust to condemn descendants of Abraham who stand in opposition to the Word of God.

<sup>14</sup> *What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."*

- **This quote is taken from Exodus 32 & 33** where God speaks to Moses after the Jews rebelled against God by worshiping a golden calf.
- **Moses stands at the entrance of the camp and says "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me and all the Levites rallied to him.**
- Then the Levites slaughtered about 3000 people with swords who had participated in the golden calf worship.

- In 32:29 Moses says, *“You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”* **Notice those set apart chose the LORD!**
- Then God says to Moses, *“Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book”* **so Moses responds quite Paul like,** *“Please forgive their sin- but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written!”*

**Do you see the Old Testament history coming forth here in Romans?**

- **Then God says, “Ok. Take the people to the land I promised them, but I’m not going with you because I might destroy them on the way.**

• This causes the people to mourn, and they stripped off their ornaments.

**So, Moses speaks with God and says, vs 15** *<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?” <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”*

- **Now watch this. Here is where this verse in Romans is from.**

*<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup> And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*

- **Who did God show mercy too? Just Moses? No. To a bunch of people who just worshiped a golden calf. People who don’t deserve it. Let’s go back.**

*<sup>14</sup> What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” <sup>16</sup> It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.*

- **The point is not that God chooses to send some to hell and not others.**

- **That choice was made by the Israelites when they chose another God. Its that none of them deserved to go to the promised land but God has the freedom to show mercy to them anyway. .**

**PAUL WANTS THE JEWS IN THE PEWS TO UNDERSTAND:**

**6.** The Promise depends on God’s mercy, not on the faithfulness of Israel.

- **If you worshiped the golden calf in your life (sinned), don’t expect to be saved because of your ancestry or your family tree. It is only because God showed His mercy in the person of Christ.**

- If there are those in your family, or nationality that aren’t in the pews, its because they have free will.

- But pray – *God will have mercy on whom He has mercy and compassion on whom He will have compassion.*

**ASK QUESTIONS ON YOUR CONNECT CARD!**