

A person wearing a pink shirt, dark shorts, and a blue cap is climbing a steep, rocky mountain slope. The person is seen from behind, reaching up with their right hand to touch the rock face. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene conveys a sense of challenge and achievement.

**Romans: The
Good News of
God's Plan to
Put People
Right Through
Faith**

A close-up photograph of a newborn baby crying. The baby's mouth is wide open, and their eyes are squeezed shut. They are wrapped in a white, textured blanket. The background is a blurred pattern of blue, white, and pink stripes. On the right side of the image, there is a black rectangular box containing white text.

**God is
Fair
(Just) -
Romans
9:14-29**

#1 - God Always Acts for His Glory - 9:14-18



Paradox of Election

- If you perish, it is your own fault.
- If you have saving faith, then know that it is a gift of God's grace.



#2 - God is Free to Use His Creation as He Wills - 9:19-21



“I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand. I have said too much already. ... I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’ It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. ... I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance”

–Job 40:4–5; 42:2–3, 6

#3 - God Demonstrates His Grace Even Through His Wrath - 9:22-23



Vessels of Wrath and Mercy

- Mercy - made ready by God ahead of time for glory; a deliberate interruption that causes one status to change
- Wrath - a natural result; does not say God prepared them for wrath; simply stay in the state of sin they have chosen for themselves



#4 - God's Chosen People Include Jew and Gentile, as Prophesied - 9:24-29



Gentiles Outnumbering Jews in the Church

- God calls some Jews (24a)
- God calls some Gentiles (24b)
- Old Testament confirms God's call of Gentiles (25-26)
- Old Testament confirms God's call of (some) Jews (27-29)



#1 - Cry to God



**“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.”**

Blind Bartimaeus - Luke 18:38



“Don’t ever ask God for justice - you might get it. We may see non-justice in God, which is mercy, but we never see injustice in God.”

-R.C. Sproul

**#2 - Trust
God to
Prepare
Hearts to
Respond
to Him**



