

Lesson 16
God's Selection of Jews and Gentiles
(Romans 9:19-33)

• **Questions**

1. What false charge does Paul address in verse 19?

2. What does Paul do to the person who raised the false charge in verse 19 (9:20)?

3. What figure or image does Paul use to illustrate God's selection of true Israel and the Gentiles (9:20-24)?

4. What divine attributes are shown as God exercises his power to save and destroy (9:22-23)?

5. What Old Testament prophet is quoted by Paul concerning the Gentiles and what is the prophet's main point (9:25-26)?

6. What additional Old Testament prophet is quoted by Paul concerning Israel and what is the prophet's main point (9:27-29)?

7. What did some Gentiles follow after that caused them to be saved (9:30)?

8. What did many Israelites follow after that caused them to be lost (9:31-32)?

9. What did many Israelites stumble upon and why (9:32-33)?

• Digging Deeper

1. How does verse 19 relate to Romans 9:6 and 9:14?
2. With reference to God molding and making vessels (9:20-23), does he do it conditionally or unconditionally (Jer. 18:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:19-21)?
3. What does “Lord of Sabaoth” mean (9:29)?
4. What Old Testament scripture is quoted in Romans 9:33 and to whom does it apply?

• Applications for Today

1. Let us not question God’s plans and methods and let us not falsely charge God with wrong-doing (9:19-22).
2. We must let God mold us into a vessel of honor and into a vessel of his own choosing (9:23-24).
3. Let us, like Paul, quote scripture to defend our religious beliefs and practices (9:25-29).
4. Let us follow after the righteousness which is of faith (9:30-31).
5. Those who stumble on Jesus in their unbelief will be broken (9:32-33).