

## **God's Unfailing Plan for Israel** **Romans 9:6-13**

### **Promises by God to Israel have not failed. 6a**

- ◆ Paul is answering the notion that Israel's problem is also God's problem.
- ◆ *The word of God* = 9:4,5 (God's plan/promises for Israel revealed in OT).

### **Proof #1: God chose Isaac and not Ishmael. 6b-9**

- ◆ God's word hasn't failed because God distinguishes between two types of Israelites (children of flesh vs. promise = ethnic vs. elect, cf. 2:28,29: the outward vs. inward Jew). *Israel* refers to the nation not the church.
- ◆ Case of I & I shows God predetermined only Isaac and his descendants to be children of God / of promise—thus an issue of grace within race.

### **Proof #2: God chose Jacob and not Esau. 10-13**

- ◆ Case of E & J again shows God's choice within Israel. Note His choice (v. 11) is not based on one's actions previous or future but is described as according to God's *purpose* (8:28), *election* (8:33), and *call* (8:30).
- ◆ Yet again God's choice rejects conventional thinking, see v.12, Dt. 7:7, I Cor. 1:26-28. As with I & I, these individuals will represent nations.
- ◆ Problem: Don't misunderstand the Heb. idiom quoted in Mal. 1:2, see Gen. 29, Matt. 10:37, Jn. 12:25. *Loved* vs. *hated* =
- ◆ Other passages on God's sovereignty related to salvation that use different terminology: Jn. 6:44,65, 15:16, Acts 13:48, 16:14, Rev.17:8.

### **TWO TYPES OF ISRAELITES** **(Children of promise vs. of the flesh)**



How might we easily be tempted to respond to God's selection process?

How should we instead respond to God's selection process?