



1. OBJECTIONS ANSWERED

A. God was NOT unfair for _____ Israel.

- Many Israelites believed their individual salvation was ensured on the basis of their _____.
- Paul shows how God is just to have mercy on other descendants who have been appointed to carry out His redemptive _____.
- God saves anyone He wishes to save, and He wishes to save the weak, humble, and repentant believers, regardless of their nationality.
- God's Words to Moses were a reaffirmation to fulfill His promise through Israel, although they deserved to be destroyed immediately.
- **Exodus 32 & 33**

B. God was NOT unfair for _____ Pharaoh's heart.

- Some Questions to Ask:
 1. Does God harden people who don't deserve it?
 2. Does He harden people to keep them from _____?
 3. Does God harden people's hearts for no reason?
- Paul uses the example of Pharaoh, a parallel to 1st century Israel, to reveal how God has used the Jews' unfaithfulness to accomplish His _____.
- In order to fulfill His promise and deliver His Word, God will show mercy to the unfaithful when necessary, and He will harden the unfaithful when necessary. The fulfillment of God's promise does not depend on Israel's faithfulness.

C. God is NOT unfair for hardening Jewish hearts. **vs. 19-23**

- It should be remembered that God never judicially hardens anyone who has not already _____ hardened by his or her own free choice.
- **Jeremiah 18:1-6; 2 Timothy 2:20-21**

2. PAUL'S _____ POINT Romans 9:30-33

Salvation and God's message are not being narrowed, but _____.

Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from March 6, 2022

1. The Israelites were trusting in their nationality for salvation. Do people today in America do anything similar? What do they trust in besides Jesus for salvation?
2. Look up **Psalm 18:27**. Who does God desire to save?
3. What did Israel do in **Exodus 32 & 33** that caused God to be so angry with them? What did Moses do for Israel? Is Moses a type of Christ in this situation?
4. Does God harden people's hearts for no reason?
Look up **1 Thessalonians 2:9-12** & **Romans 1:18-20**.
5. Calvinists will reference **Romans 9:19-23** in order to argue that mankind has as much control over how he believes and behaves as a piece of clay has over its shape, while on the other hand objecting to the argument that this makes man nothing more than a puppet. What do you think?
6. How does **Mark 4:10-12** deny Total Inability/Depravity Calvinists teach?
7. The hearts of Israel were hard and calloused. Many missed the coming of the Messiah. In what ways do you feel your heart is hard? What do you think you can do for God to soften your heart?