



## **“The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly”**

*The Potter and the Clay*

Romans 9:19-33

### **Chapter 9 – 11 God’s Sovereignty vs. Man’s Responsibility.**

In line with the nature of the problem Paul is dealing with, he frequently mentions God in chapters 9 to 11 (twenty-six times)

**9 – Has The Promises of God failed? His Character**

**10 – Has The Word of God has failed? His Word**

**11 – Has The Plan of God has failed? His Plan**

**To Understand God’s Sovereignty is to consider the:**

I. **C**reator – “Him that formed it” (vs 19-23)

*God is :*

A. **G**reater – “*who has resisted His will*”

B. **O**mniscient – “*Why has thou made me thus*”

Rom 11:34 For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who became His counselor?

C. **O**mnipotent – “*power over the clay*”

D. **D**emonstrative – “*that He might make known*”

God has taken it on Himself to declare Himself to Us and in front of the whole Universe. God is not hidden and does not want to be hidden.

II. **C**hosen – “that the purpose of God...might stand ” (vs 24-29)

*God’s Chosen are :*

A. **B**eckoned – “*whom he hath called*”

*John 6:44*

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:

B. **A**dopted – “*be called the children of God*”

C. **D**epraved – “*as Sodoma, and been....Gomorrha*”

*Reprobate is a synonym*

*Paired with the rejection or suppression of Truth. Rom. 1:28; I Tim 6:5; II Tim. 3:8*

*To be rendered unfit and needing to be rejected or cast away.*

III. **C**lumsy – “they stumbled at the stumblingstone” (vs 30-33)

*God’s Plan includes the :*

A. **U**nconventional - “*followed not after righteousness*”

Salvation does not come through Organized Religion. Religion is the distraction that leads to stumbling.

B. **G**uilty – “*hath not attained to the law of righteousness*”

The reality is that Salvation can not take place until we come to an awareness that we need to be saved. Only Lost people can be saved, thus we have to realize we are lost or guilty first before we desire grace and mercy.

C. **L**umbering – “*for they stumbled*”

*Stumbling happens when we are preoccupied or filled with something that gives us an inability to take the right steps (Illustration of Drunk Drivers ...Tests given)*

D. Yielded – *“whosoever believeth on Him”*

***Faith is to give way to God’s Word and prefer it to your own ideas.***

Confederate Gold was the ambition of three men of the west but there was a shortage of knowledge. They did not know where the gold was buried. They learned what graveyard but only one found out which grave it was buried in. Today we are talking about a greater treasure. It is not just a bag of confederate gold but an inheritance of such value that the dust in heaven’s streets are pure gold.

Do you know how to find such a treasure. It is found in Jesus Christ the one which many stumble over. We attain the treasure by faith in Him and His finished work on the cross.

People have a hard time with God’s Generosity towards mankind and the idea of His will being exercised in calling some to Himself while others are not redeemed and adopted. I find it curiously paralleled with the taxing of the rich. Wealthy persons in the USA are now considered bad by some because they have so much ability to give but do not give all they have in taxes. They do give a great percentage of their income in taxes, over one third , but they should give more?