

God's Character must be Trusted, not Questioned
Romans 9:14-21
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How many search for God.

How to make god in your own image.

Paul defends God on the basis of God's word and revealed character.

We are to trust the revealed, true, character of God, not question it.

God alone is free. (Isaiah 46:9-10; Daniel 9:34-35)

Is There Injustice on God's Part? v 14-18

There cannot be unrighteousness or injustice with God. (Genesis 18:25)

This is a category error.

Mercy is owed to no one. Therefore to withhold mercy is not unjust.

Salvation is a matter of mercy and compassion; not fairness.

Paul is defending the freedom of God in showing mercy. (Matthew 20:13-15)

Salvation Army Red Kettles. Do you walk by or do you donate?

God is free to show mercy - he showed mercy to Moses and his people.

To withhold mercy from the wicked is not unjust, or unfair.

God can harden whom he will. He has that right/ ability.

God hardened his heart for two reasons.

What do man's desire and effort have to do with God showing mercy?

Why Does God find fault when none can resist his will? v 19-21

The Secret will and the revealed will of God.

God's laws are freely broken and God holds all accountable.

We have no right to question God. v 20-21

"Who are you to reply against God?" (Isaiah 29:19; 45:9)

Since God is God, will we trust him? Will we submit to him?

Is Aslan safe?