

**God Has a Reason**  
**Romans 9:22–24**

Not every descendant of Abraham is saved, but only those whom God has chosen.

The first objection to God's election accuses God of unrighteousness.

God is right to save whom He chooses because He is not obligated to save any sinner.

God is right to harden whom He chooses because He is not obligated to save any sinner.

The second objection to God's election accuses God of injustice.

It is illegitimate to question God because He has the free right to do what He wishes.

The last of four questions answering the second objection explains God's reason *He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens (18)*.

*What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,*

- What if God... What would you say to that? Back talk or humble acceptance?
- The *vessels of wrath* are not created for wrath. The grammar does not support double election or double predestination.
- The *vessels of wrath* are set for destruction - **Romans 2:4–5**
- The point is not how they became vessels of wrath, but that destruction is meted out to the vessels of wrath because it suits them. They are vessels of wrath, so it's right to destroy them.
- God's will, directed by His holy character, necessitates His wrath upon sinners.
- God's holy wrath must be executed through His power over evil - **Romans 9:17**
- God is very patient in restraining Himself not to immediately destroy the wicked, because He wants to show His wrath and make His power known over evil in a way that only He can - **Exodus 15:1–21**

*and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,*

- What if God has *endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction* in order to *make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy*. There is a divine contrast between wrath and mercy.
- God has beforehand made ready the vessels of mercy - **Acts 15:14 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.**

*even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?*

- God effectually calls those whom he has chosen.
- God is calling out of both the Jews and the Gentiles a new people in Christ - **1 Peter 2:9–10 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.**

God has the right to harden and show mercy upon whomever He chooses.

God's reason for hardening Israel is because He wants to show mercy upon the Gentiles.

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# WELCOME

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

## Announcements

**Hymn #134 And Can It Be**

**Greeting**

**Offering**

**Hymn #235 Lead Me to Calvary**

**Lord's Supper**

**Hymn #478 It Is Well with My Soul**

**Message**

**Hymn #478 It Is Well with My Soul**

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—  
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

Cry room – Back of Sanctuary

Nursery 6 mo. – 3 yrs.

Eway/Kandi

### TONIGHT 6PM

*Prayer Service*

### WEDNESDAY 7PM

*Bible Study/Kid's Club*

### TUESDAY 7PM

*Dorcas Meeting*

### THURSDAY 10AM

*Ladies Bible Study*

## Save The Date!

**CAMP  
FUNDRAISER  
DINNER COMING  
MARCH 13TH**

## Missionary of the Month

**STEVE & CAROL KEJR**

Steve and Carol served in Liberia from 1970 until 1997. Steve was Services Director at ELWA Ministries Association. ELWA stands for "Eternal Love Winning Africa". Since retiring, Steve and Carol have lived in the United States and serve at the SIM home office. They continue to make trips to Liberia and support the work of ELWA. That work includes supporting the radio ministry, hospital, and a school for children. Steve grew up at Village Bible Church and we have supported them for their entire ministry career.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT TO THIS MINISTRY THIS MONTH, FEEL FREE TO PUT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE MARKED ACCORDINGLY.

