



# REJECTION

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Psalms 115:3

Our God is in the heavens;  
he does all that he pleases.



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*Jesus Christ*



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**BIG IDEA:**

A detailed illustration of a single rose in bloom, rendered in a dark, monochromatic style. The rose is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, with its stem extending downwards. The petals are tightly packed, showing the characteristic spiral pattern of a rose.

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# OBJECTION!

(to God sovereignly granting salvation)



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## Romans 9:14–15

What shall we say then? **Is there injustice on God's part?**

**By no means!** For he says to Moses,  
“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and  
I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”



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## Romans 9:19–20

You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault?  
For who can resist his will?” But who are you, O man,  
to answer back to God? Will what is molded  
say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?”



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yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.



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It is His gracious will to save.



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Matthew 11:22

But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of  
judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.



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Matthew 11:24

But I tell you that it will be more tolerable  
on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom  
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Those who repent & believe are saved!



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Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages,  
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proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and  
healing every disease and every affliction.



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John 1:13

who were born, not of blood nor of the will of  
the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God.**



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John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



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John 6:44

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sent me draws him.



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John 6:47

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Matthew 11:28

**Come to me, all** who labor and are heavy  
laden, and I will give you rest.



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Acts 13:48

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began  
rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord,  
and as many as were appointed  
to eternal life believed.



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**So what?**



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## Romans 11:33–36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!...

For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.



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1. Enriches humble & joyful worship



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2. Encourages faithful evangelism



## 1 Thessalonians 2:3

For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive



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3. Emphasize the need to repent & believe



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Isaiah 55:1

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.



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## Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.



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