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**Our Mission: “Gathering & Perfecting”**

-Men’s Bible Study: @Rudy’s. Every Tuesday, 6:30am, Exodus 1

-Women’s Bible Study: @Tammie’s, Thursday, 10:30am, “Prophecy”

-Sunday Discipleship Ministries- “Truth for Life: WCF” 9:45-10:15

-New Class: Gospel of Mark for middle and high school age students. 9:45-10:15

-Children’s Discipleship Ministries- “What is the Christian Faith?” 9:45-10:15

-Midweek fellowship- Wednesday, May 18, @ Lazy Circles. 5:30-7pm

-Youth Field Trip – June 2, 30, August 9. Sign up with Dr. Bisel.



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**Finance Update**

Your generosity to this church is an investment with eternal impact. Lives here and around the world are changed by our gospel ministry and the ministries of each and every one of you.

**Finance Report a s of March 31, 2022**

Year-to-Date (January 2022 to March 2022)	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Tithes & Offerings	\$38,998.18	\$37,369.32	+ \$1,628.86
Expenses & Outlays	\$33,978.79	\$33,316.70	-\$662.09
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>+\$5,019.39</b>	<b>+\$4,052.62</b>	<b>+\$966.77</b>



**Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman**  
**The Service of Worship of the Triune God**  
**Sunday, May 15, 2022 – 10:30-11:45 am**  
**Trinitynorman.com**



**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN**  
A Church for Norman

“Glorifying God & Enjoying Him Forever.”  
“We exist to gather and perfect the saints of God in Norman, OK and beyond.”

### Pre-Service Meditation:

"Prayer is the main line that leads straight to the throne of God. By it the Christian approaches God with a humble boldness of faith, takes hold of Him, wrestles with Him, and will not let Him go until he has His blessing."

--William Gurnall, *The Christian in Complete Armor*.

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

--Deuteronomy 29:29

"Had it not been for this election, through which God had before prepared vessels of mercy unto glory, neither Jew nor Gentile would have escaped, but all would have remained vessels of wrath fitted for destruction."

--Robert Haldane, *Commentary on Romans*.

"Let us, therefore, labor to submit to the sovereignty of God. God insists, that his sovereignty be acknowledged by us... This is the stumbling-block on which thousands fall and perish; and if we go on contending with God about his sovereignty [as Paul's objector], it will be our eternal ruin. It is absolutely necessary that we should submit to God, as our absolute sovereign over our souls; as one who may have mercy on whom he will have mercy, & harden whom he will."

--Jonathan Edwards, *Works, II*, p. 854.

"The answer: It appeared to Paul to be beneath God's dignity to conduct a defense of His justice against these blasphemers. One does not convince such people; one stops their mouth. Furthermore, what Paul could and may have brought forward for the vindication of this sovereign way of proceeding by God would have been so difficult to understand that it probably would have still missed the mark. Here lies depths we can never fathom, difficulties that we will see solved by no one. The reasoning to which Paul has kept himself is in this case in fact the most effective."

--Geerhardus Vos, *Reformed Dogmatics* (p 134).

"The potter does two things with respect to his vessels. He determines first of all for what they will serve, and then he determines how they must be made in order to serve this purpose. And in both cases He has authority over the clay. One should note that here 'authority' is spoken of, not 'power'. 'Power' is a physical concept; 'authority' is a moral concept. No one will deny that God possesses power to work the clay. But that God possesses the authority for that, the authorization, the critics of divine predestination deny. But Paul says to these critics, the relationship of God to you is like the relationship of potter to vessel. God can rightly, without in any sense detracting from His virtues, deal with you in the two respects mentioned above, as a potter deals with the clay. When he does that, He acts with the authorization that belongs to Him as God. And concerning that authorization, which conforms to God's perfect holiness, the creature is not free to pass judgment."

--Geerhardus Vos, *Reformed Dogmatics* (p 135).

## Responding to God's Word Preached

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Words of Institution- 1 Corinthians 11** "23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

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### Communion Hymn

#500

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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### Closing Words & Announcements

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### Hymns of Commitment

#688

"Have Thine Own Way Lord"

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### Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

24 The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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### Doxology

#731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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**Review Questions:** Use these questions personally or in a group to engage further with God's message in the sermon:

**Question ONE:** How does Paul's "non-answer" to the objector powerfully address all possible questions one might put toward God and His decrees?

**Question TWO:** How does the illustration of the potter and clay prove Paul's point?

**Question THREE:** How does the doctrine of election transform the way one describes and comprehends the meaning of history?

**Question FOUR:** See v29, how does knowing the history of Sodom & Gomorrah compound our joy in the gospel? And drive our evangelism & mercy?

**Question FIVE:** List parts of your bad days, how is knowing that they are part of "His Story" helpful to your prayers and worship of God?

## Welcome & Statement of Purpose

Silent prayer of preparation. You might utilize prayers & quotes from page 2.

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### **We Come to Worship at His Bidding**

“O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.” -Psalm 43:3

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#### **Call to Worship**

Minister: The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt.

**People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Minister: Your throne is established from of old;**

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**People: You are from everlasting.**

Minister: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted their voice.

People: the floods lift up their roaring.

Minister: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,

People: the LORD on high is mighty!

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#### **Prayer of Adoration, Invocation, & the Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

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#### **Hymn**

#53

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

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#### **Reading the Word**

“Spiritual Depression”

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! <sup>2</sup> For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

<sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! <sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

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#### **Public Confession of Sin**

**O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who has compassion upon all people, and who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us. Your disposition is always to have mercy; it is Your character to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare Your people, whom You have redeemed; enter not into judgment with Your servants; but so turn Your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with You in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Private Confession of Sin

### Words of Assurance

Ephesians 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--

## We Respond to the Gospel with Singing, Speaking Truth, Giving, & Prayers

### Hymn

“Before the Throne of God Above”

### Confession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

Christian, what do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen..

### Congregational Prayer

### Collection of Tithes & Offerings

2 Corinthians 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

### Offeratory Prayer

Deacon Ross McClish

### Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri #735



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## We Hear, Receive, and Rest upon the Word of God

### Sermon: Romans 9:19-29 “Objections to Election Part 2: His-Story.”

(If able, please stand for the reading of God’s word.) Rev. Justin Westmoreland

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”

<sup>20</sup> 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?” <sup>21</sup> Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? <sup>22</sup> What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup> in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory-- <sup>24</sup> even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup> As indeed he says in Hosea,

“Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’” <sup>26</sup> “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

<sup>27</sup> And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel:

“Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, <sup>28</sup> for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.”

<sup>29</sup> And as Isaiah predicted,

“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Main Point: In chp 9, Paul is offering responses to objections to the doctrine of election. First, does this mean that God is not fair (9:14)? Second, why would God judge sinners if they are fulfilling what God purposed? If what Paul has said is true, and it is, then we must reconsider and readjust how we understand history: History cannot be understood apart from an understanding that it is His-Story.

- I. His-Story: Why does God judge? Who are you? God is God (v20-21)
- II. His-Story: What if? All so the ones prepared by God for glory can better know God’s grace (v22-23)
- III. His-Story: The fulfillment of salvation by God’s grace described in Hosea & Isaiah’s prophecy support this conclusion.(v24-29)