

ROMANS

- THE SERIES: PART 9 -

1. Paul describes us as clay being molded by a potter (God). Just as the potter has the right to choose the clay's use, so God has the right to choose ours. What does chapter 9 say about God's practice of choosing some and not others?

How does it make you feel to be clay in God's hands?

How does this encourage/discourage you?

2. When clay won't work right, the potter has options. He can _____, he can _____, or he can _____. What choices do you see God making in chapter 9, and in other parts of the Bible?

Which of those options do you think God has used in your life? How do you feel about that?

3. In chapter 9, Paul defends God's character and competence. What does he say in defense of each?

Which arguments do you find most encouraging/compelling?

Which do you find the least encouraging/compelling?

---- BONUS ----

4. Paul says God prepares some clay was prepared into vessels for destruction and some into vessels for glory. Based on Romans 9, what do you think that means?

Now, read Isaiah 29:16-23; 45:4-9; and Jeremiah 18:1-10. Now what do you think?

Read John 20:19-23; 1 Peter 2:1-9 and 2 Corinthians 4:1-7. How are we to function as vessels of God's destruction or wrath?

