

## **“Does God Love Everyone...Even Esau?”**

**(2<sup>nd</sup> in our series “Jesus Everywhere”)**

Romans 9-11

Genesis 25:19-34; 26:34-33:20; 36:1-43\*

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*\*All scripture is ESV unless otherwise noted.*

Clip from Bob Morey video

First slide: Faithdefenders

Second slide: Does God love everyone?

Bob Morey:

*Does the Bible anywhere teach that God loves every human being from Adam to the last human being ever born? Or does the Bible teach that God hates some people as well as loves some other people?*

*One way to catch a Humanist is to ask, “Does God love everybody?”*

*The Humanist would say, “Oh well I think He does.” You see that’s a rationalist.*

*“I feel in my heart that he does.” There’s the mystic.*

*“Well in my experience.” There’s the Empiricist.*

*“Well my church teaches it.” That’s the Featiest.*

*Reason. Experience. Feelings. Faith. These are the four sources of origin for the Humanist. But you see I’m not a Humanist. I don’t believe man is the measure of all things; I believe God is the measure of all things.*

*Does God ever love anybody? Well you find here in Romans 9. It says in verse 13, “Jacob I loved.” Now there’s a specific name, Jacob, God says, “I loved Jacob.”*

*So in answer to the question, “Does the Bible ever say that God loved anybody at anytime?” The answer is “He loved Jacob.”*

*The second question, “Does the same Bible ever say that God hates certain people?”*

*Same verse. “Jacob I loved; Esau I hated.” Well then evidently there are those whom God loves and there are those whom God hates. Obviously. Hello.*

*Now some little clichés if you’re dealing with the Humanist will say, “Well God hates the sin but not the sinner.” And they’ll have these little clichés. They’re like little flags that people wave at football games.*

*The Scripture says “God is angry with sinners.”*

*You can’t get any clearer than that.*

*So who gets thrown into Hell? People or just their sin?*

*What happened on the Cross? “Well sin was crucified, but not Jesus.”*

*Jesus said, “My God. My God. Why hast Thou forsaken my sin or me?”*

*Once you begin to talk about the fact there’s the elect of God, whom God has loved from all eternity, and sent Christ to be their Savior; sent the Holy Spirit to apply Redemption so Salvation is planned by the Father, purchased by the Son, sealed by the Spirit, blessed God through...*

*Then there are reprobates for whom there’s nothing but blackness and damnation ahead.*

*The moment you say this, immediately the Mystics arrive, “But I don’t like that. It’s not fair.”*

*And they give you all this emotional vomiting. And they'll say, "Well if this is the God that is, I don't want Him."  
And I'm happy with that. I would rather you know the truth. Stare it in the eye and say, "I reject it" and walk away.  
Be an Atheist. You want to be an Atheist, be an honest one.  
I submit to the Word of God and to the God of the Word and to Jesus Christ as my prophet, priest and king. And I submit to whatever the Scripture teaches*

That's Bob Morey. I had to edit the video for time, but you can watch the whole thing at his website [www.fithdefenders.com](http://www.fithdefenders.com). Bob isn't a Nazi Skinhead but a pastor with an M. Div. and D. Min. degree from Westminster Theological Seminary. He comes from the same theological family as me.

"Does God Love Everybody?" That's a theological question and some act like it doesn't matter. But maybe it's the only thing that does matter.

*[image: baby sucking its thumb in the womb]*

Does God love this person? See? That kind of matters.

*[image: pregnant woman]*

Does God love this person? Wow, that matters too. If He loves both, this could hurt.

*[image: emaciated children reaching out for food]*

Does He love these people? It's a scary thought...to think He does.

*[image: photo of Peter Hiett]*

Does God love this person? 'Cause He could feed those other persons.

*[image: European Jews being transported en masse by train]*

Does God love these people? With the Star of David pinned to their chest?

*[image: protesters waving Palestinian flags]*

These are Palestinians. Some trace their ancestry back to Edom and Esau.  
Does God love them? That might affect foreign policy.

*[image: group of tough biker guys]*

These are Bad Boys – "Hell's Angels"  
Growing up, no one scared me like these guys. If God hated anyone, I figured it must be them.



Figure 1 "Esau and Jacob" by Matthias Stom (c. 1640)

Does God love Esau?

[image: photo of Bob Morey]

Does God love Bob Morey?

Answer:

YES! God "thoroughly, completely, absolutely" loves Bob Morey. And beware "For with the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged," said Jesus.

**Does God love everybody?**

The Bible doesn't say "God loves everybody" in those exact words. But the Bible does say "God is Love"...God is Love and maybe that's part of the problem; we can't comprehend love  
Love must comprehend us.

**God is Love.**

And yet, Romans 9:13 "Esau I hated," said God (who is Love).

That means Love hated Esau and so Love can hate. And so Hate is not the opposite of Love:  
(God is Love and God has no opposite.)

Jesus said, "Honor your father and mother." But he also said "Unless you hate father, mother, and brother; you can't be my disciple."

1 John 2:9 says "if you say you love God and hate your brother, you're a liar." So it appears that hate can mean different things in various contexts but Hate is not the opposite of Love.

Jesus said "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." So how am I to love myself? Jesus said "He who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." So I'm to love myself by hating my life (my psyche, my soul).

Hate isn't the opposite of Love but sometimes a function of Love for Love hates.

And often isn't it the people we love most which we most hate??? Paul Harvey told about a little girl names Sarah, age 6. One day her father repeatedly refused her wishes to go swimming. So she wrote a note in red pencil and left it on her daddy's pillow. It read: "Daddy I hate you" and it was signed "Love, Sarah."

Ever read the Psalms? (Our thoughts about God) Or the Prophets? (God's thoughts about us) They read just like that...and it's God that sounds emotional. Talk about emotional vomit; read Jeremiah.

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### **So Love hates...but how does Love hate?**

Well sometimes (and this happens in time)...sometimes Love hates by withholding manifestation of Love. I always love my kids but sometimes I've said, *"Fine! You want control? You got control! I won't help you and don't ask!"*

In Romans 1, Paul gives a lengthy description of God's wrath. Over and over He says, *"God gave them up."* Gave them up to their lives, their passions, their psyches. Maybe He's hoping that they'd learn to love themselves by hating their own lives – their psyches.

So perhaps sometimes Love loves best by hating for a time.

And perhaps Love hates by removing the manifestations of its presence

Leaving the beloved in outer darkness where

*"Sons of the Kingdom"* weep and gnash their teeth

And learn to long for Love.

### **Perhaps Love hates through the appearance of absence for a time.**

But how does Love conquer its own hate? See? Love may hate, but it's never satisfied with hate; never satisfied with distance and anger.

### **How does Love conquer its own Hate??**

John writes *"God so loved the world (the world) that He gave..."*

John the Baptist said, *"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."*

Sin is the reason Love hates or anyone hates.

1 John 2:2 *"He is the propitiation (taker-awayer) of our sins and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."*

1 John 4:10 *"And in this is Love"* that God in Christ takes it away...that Love takes hate away.

And you know Bob Morey badly misquoted Scripture. Nowhere in Scripture does God say *"I hate Esau"* (present tense). God only says *"Esau I hated"* (past tense).

Like *"it is finished."*

Like *"it's been taken away."*

Like Jesus took it away.

Jesus, *"God is with us,"* takes it away

*"God so loved the world."* - Sounds like everybody.

Matthew 5:43 Jesus says, *"You have heard that it was said:*

*Love your neighbors and hate your enemies. But I say to you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you may be sons of your Father."*

Does God love His enemies?

In Luke 6:35 Jesus says, *"Love your enemies [ekthros – it means the hated or hateful]. Be merciful just as your heavenly father is merciful."* That's Jesus talking – the Word of God and Will of God – the God man. And He says love your neighbors; love your enemies like your Father...

Sounds like love everybody.

And yet it is written *"Esau I hated."* When the Jews ask *"How have you loved us?"* in Malachi 1, God replies *"Jacob I loved and Esau I hated."* That's how.

Well...Where's Jesus in that?

### **We're having a miniseries called *Jesus Everywhere*.**

So let's look for Jesus in that statement Romans 9:13 and in the story of Jacob and Esau.

In Romans 9, the Jewish rabbi Saul (the Apostle Paul) is dealing with a mystery:

- Why some believe and some don't;
- More specifically, why Gentiles receive the Promised Blessing, who is Jesus, and so many Jews don't.
- For Paul, in his experience, it's like God is saying "Esau I loved and Jacob I hated." (Jacob is Israel)

Romans 9:6a <sup>6</sup>*But it is not as though the word of God has failed...<sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son."<sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad – in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls – <sup>12</sup>she was told, "The older will serve the younger."<sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."* Romans 9:6-13

"Jacob I loved but Esau I hated." Why? To maintain God's purpose of election – the purpose of predestination; the purpose of double predestination. Esau is hated for a purpose; Jacob is loved for a purpose; and it's the same purpose, but not their purpose...they're predestined. So, you can't blame Esau any more than you blame Jacob and you can't credit Jacob any more than you credit Esau. It's not their choice – it's God's choice.

He has a purpose.

What the heck is that purpose?

Next verse

<sup>14</sup>*What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."* Romans 9:14-15

That's Exodus 33 and a variation on God's name "I am that I am." "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy."

Verse 16:

<sup>16</sup>*So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. <sup>17</sup>For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."<sup>18</sup>So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.* Romans 9:16-18

"Whoever He wills." He's demonstrating the Power of His Will...His Free Will...God's Free Will...

And what is God's will???

Well He did say "Jacob I loved and Esau I hated."

"Esau I hated."

Well if you hate Esau, aren't you making Esau last and least? That reminds me of one other thing Jesus said...

He said that when He sits on His throne He will "separate" and if you read it carefully – you realize He'll separate each one of us. Separate *that which loves from that which doesn't love*. He will judge and yet judgment is happening all the time for He will say "Whatever you did to the least of these – my brothers – (Jacob and Esau are brothers) you did to me."

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So if you hate Esau and consign him to Hell, aren't you hating Jesus and consigning Jesus to hell which is consigning yourself to Hell?

*"Whatever you do to the least of these (my brothers) you do to me."*

I think he actually meant it.

So let's take a quick look inside the household of Isaac and see if we find Jesus behind the curtain. There are two boys that live in this house – Jacob and Esau. You won't be able to comprehend all of the story, but hopefully you'll catch a glimpse of Jesus...the meaning of all things.

Genesis 25:21 about 2,000 years before Christ; 4,000 years ago.

*<sup>21</sup>And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled [wrestled] together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. <sup>23</sup>And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; separated the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger."* Genesis 25:21-23

It's like a miraculous conception ...both boys. But the older will serve the younger.

*"Jacob I loved and Esau I hated."*

They are predestined...doubly predestined. So Jacob's choices are not the cause of his blessing; the blessing would be the cause of any good choice in Jacob.

Esau's choices are not the cause of his rejection. Esau's rejection is more like the cause of Esau's choices...his sin. It's like Esau has been *"consigned to disobedience."*

You see the point of Election is that God elects and you don't elect; better word for Americans is choice. In the words of Jesus *"You didn't choose me; I chose you."* And that's the point of Election...

Your choice doesn't save you...God's choice saves you.

So obedience is a gift...

It's God's choice – God's will...  
begotten within you.

Genesis 25:25. The first born is born red and hairy so they name him "Esau" – it means hairy. And he's a real man...likes the outdoors...likes to hunt...he probably had a Harley Davidson, tattoos and a leather jacket. And Esau is the first born; that's huge in the Bible. The first born received the birth right...a double portion of the father's inheritance. The first born inherited the judicial authority of his father. The first born was Holy to the Lord and they all knew "Messiah would be First Born." Jesus is called the "First Born of all Creation" – "First Born from the dead."

We are not the first born...we are Jacob who gets named Israel. We are literally grafted into his family tree. Jacob means "heel grabber," "liar," or "cheat." When Jacob is born he's hanging onto Esau's heel.

The last time a heel was mentioned, it was part of a prophecy in Genesis chapter 3.

Jacob is born wrestling Esau and grabbing his heel. Now Jacob is kind of a "mamma's boy" – not a "real man." But Jacob carries the Seed, the Blessing and the Seed is Christ. Isn't that amazing?

1. Esau is the first born...like Christ.

2. But Jacob carries the seed that is Christ.

It's Jacob's nation that will give birth to a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

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Verse 29

*<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. <sup>30</sup>And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom) <sup>31</sup>Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." <sup>32</sup>Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.* Genesis 25:29-34

So Esau was also named Edom and Edom sounds a lot like Adam and that's because in Hebrew they're pretty much the same word...meaning red-like clay. They are both the same 3 Hebrew consonants – aleph, dalet and mem; just pronounced with different vowels. And check this out – Esau's big sin is despising his birthright...a birthright is sheer grace.

Every son of the first Adam has committed exactly the same sin...  
despising Grace by seizing control.

So,

[Slide #1]

1. Esau (Edom) is like everyman (Adam).
2. Esau (the First-Born) is like Jesus (The last Adam).

It's like whatever you do to any man, you do to Jesus.

Like whatever you do to any Adam, you do to the last Adam.

Like Esau is everyman and Esau is Jesus...or at least should act like Jesus.

That's Esau but if you're a Christian, you're Jacob...

You're Jacob and the author clearly wants us to see that Jacob is a heel-grabbing, lying, "Mamma's boy."

In chapter 27 Isaac longs to bless Esau...he loves Esau. Isaac wants to bless Esau but Jacob steals the blessing.

Do you remember the story?

Every Jew knew the story. They had to know the story:

They were chosen and blessed, but not because they earned it...  
they stole it...as predestined to do.

Every Believer must know the story...

You are chosen and blessed...

blessed with everything that belongs to the first-born.

You are chosen and blessed, but not because you earned it...

you stole it or tried to steal it...as predestined to do.

With your sin, with your lying, your cheating and your heel grabbing; you nailed the First Born to the Tree in the Garden...Remember?

Do you remember the story?

In Genesis 27 Isaac, the father, is preparing to die and preparing to bless Esau. Rebekah and Jacob see what's happening. So while Esau is hunting game for his father...Rebekah and Jacob take two goats; kill them and roast them so they taste like Esau's game. And Rebekah puts the skin of the goats on Jacob's hands and neck so he feels like Esau. And she put Esau's clothes on Jacob so he smells like the first-born.

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Jacob then lies to his blind father saying *"I am Esau."* Isaac is confused because he hears Jacob's voice but he feels Esau's skin and smells the aroma of the first-born. Chapter 27:26, Jacob then betrays Esau and Isaac with a kiss, as Isaac blesses Jacob with the blessing of the first-born.

So Christian do you know why you are blessed? It's because the Father hears your voice, but sees the righteousness of Christ on you and smells the aroma of Christ rising from you.

So Jacob receives the blessing because Esau does not and that's how Esau is hated.

Hey...do you know who is hated by God in Scripture? Psalm 5:5 *"All evil doers;" "All sinners,"* says David...that's everyman. Even Jacob, Hosea and Isaiah reveal God hates Israel because of sin.

But listen close to the words of Paul:

*"He, who knew no sin, became sin, that we might become the righteousness of God."*

Jesus was God-damned in our place. God hated God; God hated the God-Man in our place.

*"Therefore God has highly exalted him"* writes Paul. *"That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow."* (Phil. 3:9-10)

*"As in Adam, all die"* writes Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 and Romans 5.

*"As in Adam, all die so in Christ (the last Adam) will all be made alive."*

Well if anyone was hated, Jesus was hated on that cross (Bob Morey even described it in his video)...

*"Died and descended into Hell"* bearing the sins of all the world.

Jesus was hated but Jesus is always thoroughly loved.

Jesus was hated...

So you could see how much you are loved by God.

God damned God in Jesus for you...

Jesus became last and least...

God consigned Himself to Hell for Love of You!

So **Esau** was hated because **Jacob** was loved.

**Jesus** was hated because **you** have been infinitely loved.

In Genesis 27, when Isaac discovers what's happened he *"trembles violently"* and Esau *"cries out in agony."*

When we stole the blessing, all Creation trembled violently and the First-Born cried,

*"My God, my God. Why have You forsaken me?"*

We stole the blessing - that's sin. But God gave the blessing - that's Grace and it was all predestined.

In Genesis 28 Jacob flees the Promised Land (for the same reason we all run from God)...terrified of the wrath of the First-Born. At Bethel God confirms the Blessing saying, *"You have been blessed to bless all the families of the Earth."* That would include Edom – Jacob will bless Esau. The blessing is Christ...the First-Born. Wow!

So maybe Esau, the first-born, will act like Jesus, the First-Born –  
(for Jacob will bless Esau with Jesus.)

Maybe every Adam will act like the last Adam –  
it's predestined.

Well Jacob, the Prodigal Son, takes his inheritance and flees to the far country where he is basically enslaved by his uncle, Laban. But still God blesses him; blesses him with 11 of 12 sons – the 12 Tribes of Israel. After 20 years, God tells Jacob to return to his father's land...the Promised Land...his heaven. The only thing that stands in his way is Esau, the first-born. As Jacob approaches, his servants inform him

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*“Esau is coming with 400 men.”* Jacob is terrified. He sends massive gifts ahead of him to Esau, with this message: *“These are presents to you, my lord Esau, from your servant Jacob.”*

Then Jacob prays, *“God I am not worthy of your blessings.”*

And then that night, as he sits alone in the dark, terrified; a man comes and wrestles him all night until he touches Jacob in the place a man is circumcised. It throws his hip out of joint. But Jacob clings to him and demands a blessing. The man says, *“You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel. For you have wrestled with God and men and prevailed.”* The wrestler is God and the wrestler is a man. It’s the God-Man, the First-Born of all Creation, last Adam, Jesus.

I am not a Humanist. Man is not the measure of all things, but God became man and with that Man, God measures all things. He is the reason of God, our experience of God, the Passion of God, Faith of God, the Word of God, and Judgment of all things.

That man wrestled with Jacob and judged Jacob.

Chapter 32 verse 30: <sup>30</sup>*So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel [which means face of God], saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”*

[Maybe he died and then lived. *“If we’re joined with Him in a death, then we’ll surely be joined in a resurrection with Him,”* wrote Paul.]

<sup>31</sup>*The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.*

Genesis 32:30-32 (ESV)

Chapter 33 verse 1: <sup>33</sup><sup>1</sup>*And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming and four hundred men with him.*

[Jacob has sent a parade of gifts and now he bows himself to the ground 7 times, like he’s worshipping Esau.]

<sup>3</sup>*He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. <sup>4</sup>But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him,* [Like the father runs to the Prodigal Son.]

*and they wept.*

Genesis 33:1-4

They all bow to Esau and Esau says, *“What do you mean by this?”*

Jacob answers, *“I hope to find grace in your sight my Lord.”*

Esau says, *“But I have enough.”*

<sup>10</sup>*Jacob said, “No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God*

Did you get that? Like the face of God and Jacob just saw the face of God – Jesus – First-Born of all Creation. *“Esau, you look just like Him,”* says Jacob. Renowned Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, points out that the text makes it clear *“the forgiving face of Esau and the blessing face of God have an affinity.”*

*“For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God and you have accepted me.*

<sup>11</sup>*Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough.” Thus he urged him, and he took it.* Genesis 33: 10-11

So Jacob blesses Esau. Now there is meaning on top of meaning and story on top of story. But at least see this: Jacob stole Esau's blessing and Esau forgave Jacob and so blessed Jacob and now Jacob blesses Esau.

And now it's like Jacob and Esau are having a party in the Promised Land. And Jacob says, *"Esau, you look just like God – like the God-Man. The God-Man I spent all night wrestling."*

See? All his life (even in the womb) he'd been wrestling the God-Man.

Maybe all your life you wrestle the God-Man.

The God-man said this is the Judgment: *"Whatever you do to the least of these my brothers, you do to me."*

[Slide #2]

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Esau (Edom) is like everyman (Adam).</li><li>2. Esau (the First-Born) is like Jesus (the last Adam).</li></ol> <p style="text-align: center;">We are judged, by Jesus, in every man.</p> |
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Maybe Heaven is made up of every man and every woman – everybody – and if you don't love everybody, you won't love Heaven.

Maybe Heaven is Jesus in everybody; the Will of God in everybody;

The First-Born in Esau, Jews, Palestinians, poor people and rich people...maybe even "bad boy bikers" like Hell's Angels.

I bet that's what Esau looked like: The very last king of person I'd expect in the Kingdom of Heaven.

So if you don't love Esau you won't love the Kingdom of Heaven and you'll judge yourself out and into outer darkness.

Read the Gospels and you'll see Heaven is a lot like this – a room full of Esaus.

Heaven Video – commercial for Karlsburg beer

Slide – 148 Bad Boys

First scene "bad boys" sitting in seats in a theater-type environment

Slide – Some innocent couples

Scene of couples buying tickets for the theater.

Slide – And only 2 seats left...

Man walking into the theater says,

*"You got to be kidding me. This is not what I paid for."*

Woman walking into the theater says,

*"This is going to be [cosy]."*

Couples see the audience and leave the theater.

Woman with a man says,

*"Uh...hello. Did you see those men?"*

Then some couples choose to sit in the two empty seats in the midst of all those "bad-boy bikers." Suddenly a spotlight shines on those couples. The bikers open beer bottles and hand them to each couple as they break out in applause. And that room full of fear is transformed into a party.

That's a Karlsburg beer commercial but Karlsburg beer stole the idea from Jesus. It's the Parable of the Vineyard and a bunch of others parables as well.

So Jesus is our Judgment and we wrestle Him every day. We wrestle with Mercy every day in everyone we meet.

[Slide #3]

JESUS IS OUR JUDGMENT

1. Esau (Edom) is like everyman (Adam).
2. Esau (the First-Born) is like Jesus (the last Adam).  
We are judged, by Jesus, in every man.

So Jesus is our judgment and Jesus is how we are judged.

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JESUS IS HOW WE ARE JUDGED

1. Jesus is in Esau that's hated.
2. Jesus is in Jacob that's loved.  
And in both places it's Mercy.

1. He bears our sin and is hated on our behalf.  
He is the *"Lamb that takes away the sin of the world."*  
He bears our sin.
2. He is our righteousness.  
He is Love in me – the spotless Lamb in me.  
He is Mercy, in me  
The Blessing in me.

He is the Sin Offering and the Thank Offering.

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JESUS IS HOW WE ARE JUDGED

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And in both places it's Mercy.

UNLESS WE'RE JUDGED WE CAN'T RECEIVE  
OUR BIRTHRIGHT AND BLESSING: MERCY

Jesus is our Judgment.

Jesus is how we are judged.

And unless we are judged we can't receive the Blessing

The blessing is Heaven and heaven is a party.

And you can't enjoy it without Mercy...

Back to Romans 9:13

<sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." ...

<sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup>So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy...

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<sup>18</sup>So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

Romans 9:13; 15-16; 18

So whom does He will to harden? And on whom does He will to have Mercy??

Paul continues his discourse on how it seems Jews (that's Jacob's family) are hardened and Gentiles (that's Esau's crew) have received Mercy. He says it is so the fullness of the Gentiles will come in and thus all Israel will be saved.

So whom does God will to harden? And on whom does He will to have Mercy?

Romans 11:32 (It's like people have been blinded to this verse...hardened.)

Romans 11:32 Paul answers the question: *"God has consigned all to disobedience."* God has willed to harden all. You can only have mercy on someone that's hardened.

Romans 11:32 <sup>32</sup>*For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.*

That's double predestination:

1. All have been predestined to disobedience
2. Because all have been predestined to Mercy.

For:

1. Christ has been predestined to bear our sin.
2. And predestined to give us His righteousness – that's Mercy.

WE are predestined in Christ –  
predestined.

How else could you come to know Mercy? Another way wouldn't be mercy but human will or exertion.

That's the purpose of predestination – that God might have mercy on all.

You are predestined by Mercy – for Mercy...  
to be filled with Mercy and made in the image of Mercy.

For without Mercy you will despise your birthright  
and won't be able to receive the blessing:

A whole new creation filled with Mercy  
filled with God – filled with the steadfast Love that is God.

You have been predestined to love in freedom – the very image of God.

And if you know that Mercy now...

You are blessed to be a blessing to all the families of the Earth.

You are elect to preach the Gospel to all Creation.

You are the Church and the Gates of Hell  
cannot prevail against you.

### **Communion**

On the night that the First-Born of all Creation was betrayed, He took bread and He broke it saying, *"This is my body given to you. Take, eat."* And in the same way after supper and having given thanks, He took the cup and said, *"This is the New Covenant, the Eternal Covenant, the Covenant in my blood; shed for the forgiveness of sins. Drink of it, all of you and do it in remembrance of me."*

And so Jacob, come to the table ...receive the birthright and blessing of the First-Born.

Does God love everybody?

You better believe it.

Actually, I think it's your judgment...

Does God Love Everyone...Even Esau?

His name is Jesus  
He is worthy of our worship. Let's worship Him.

***Benediction***

Amen. And so long ago, in a garden, Adam despised his birthright. Why did he despise it? 'Cuz he didn't know what it was. He didn't have the knowledge of Good and Evil.

But then when He tasted it, He tried to steal it. He tried to take the blessing. He tried to purchase it with human will and exertion and so he nailed the last Adam to the Tree. But what we stole, God gave. And so you see it was all predestined.

If you're American, that kind of bugs you, right? 'Cuz you're like "what the heck?" What about free will? Freedom of choice. What about that? Well check out what you're predestined for...you are predestined to love everybody in freedom. You see we think we're free. At best we're just barely beginning to be free. We're just barely beginning to love the way our Father in Heaven loves. It means that one day you will want to love. One day you will love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. And you will love your neighbor as yourself because that's what you want to do. You have been predestined by our Father in Heaven to be made in the very image of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the very image of Love.

For on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Creation, God turned to His Son and said, "Hey, let's make man in our own image and likeness." And check this out, He's not going to fail.

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In Jesus' name, Amen.