

# Romans 9:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

## Analysis

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**And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God**—Paul continues quoting Hosea (1:10 LXX). The dramatic reversal: *ou laos mou* (οὐ λαός μου, 'not my people') becomes *huiοι theοu zōntos* (υἱοὶ θεοῦ ζῶντος, 'sons of the living God'). Not merely people, but sons—adoption into intimate familial relationship. The phrase 'living God' contrasts with dead idols Gentiles formerly served.

The 'place where' suggests Gentile lands—formerly pagan territory becomes the site of covenant sonship. This fulfills Abraham's promise: all nations blessed (Genesis 12:3). The transformation from 'not beloved' to 'sons' is regeneration and adoption—wrought by sovereign grace through the Spirit. Those 'by nature children of wrath' (Ephesians 2:3) become 'sons of God' through faith in Christ (Galatians 3:26). Election accomplishes this impossible transition.

## Historical Context

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Hosea 1:10 prophesied northern Israel's restoration. Paul sees typological fulfillment in Gentile conversion—a greater restoration. The early church was predominantly Gentile by Paul's day, vindicating this prophetic interpretation. God's people now transcend ethnicity, united in Christ.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does the progression from 'not my people' to 'sons of the living God' illustrate regeneration and adoption?
2. What does 'living God' emphasize in contrast to the idols Gentiles formerly served?
3. How does this verse assure Gentile believers of their full inclusion in God's covenant people?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἔσται	ἐν	τῷ	τόπῳ	οὗ	ἐρρήθη	αὐτοῖς
<b>And</b>	<b>it shall come to pass</b>	<b>that in</b>	G3588	<b>the place</b>	G3739	<b>it was said</b>	<b>unto them</b>
G2532	G2071	G1722		G5117		G4483	G846

Οὐ	λαός	μου	ὕμεῖς	ἐκεῖ	κληθήσονται	υἱοὶ	θεοῦ
<b>are not</b>	<b>people</b>	<b>my</b>	<b>Ye</b>	<b>there</b>	<b>shall they be called</b>	<b>the children</b>	<b>God</b>
G3756	G2992	G3450	G5210	G1563	G2564	G5207	G2316

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**of the living**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 43:6** (Parallel theme): I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

**Romans 8:16** (References God): The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**2 Corinthians 6:18** (Parallel theme): And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

**Galatians 3:26** (References God): For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

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