

Session #33: “A BURDEN FOR ISRAEL”— *Romans 9:1-5*

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- How strong are the terms that Paul uses in describing his sorrow or burden over rejecting Israelites?
- What hyperbole does Paul use in describing his willingness to take the place of those in rejection?
- How much has Israel been blessed as indicated in verses four and five?
- In how many ways are these blessings described?
- Following these five verses, what one word does Paul use in describing the situation?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

- **#1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - 9:1-33**

#2 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - 10:1-21

#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - 11:1-36

Three main questions - all answered with “God forbid!” - Romans 9:14; 11:1, 11

#1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - Romans 9:1-33

- **1A. SEEN IN THE SORROW OF PAUL - 9:1-5**

1B. As he REVEALED his personal feelings - 9:1-3

Rom 9:1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

1C. Controlled by the truth - 1a - “*I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying*”

2C. Caused by the Holy Spirit - 1b - “*my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit*”

cf. Rom. 2:15. The Bible teaches that we are “**convicted**” by our conscience (*John 8:9*), and that the conscience can be “**seared**” (*1 Tim. 4:2*), and “**defiled**” (*1 Cor. 8:7; Tit. 1:15*), and be “**weak**” (*1 Cor. 8:10, 12*) and “**evil**” (*Heb. 10:22*). Paul speaks of a “**good**” conscience (*Heb. 13:18*) that desires to live honestly. He also speaks of a “**pure**” conscience (*1 Tim. 2:9*), and the need to “**purge**” our conscience (*Heb. 9:14; 10:2*). In *Acts 23:1* Paul said “**I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day**” - *cf. 2 Cor. 1:12; 4:2*

Rom 9:2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

3C. Characterized by sorrow & grief – 2 - *cf. Psa. 126:5-6; Matt. 9:36; Luke 19:41* - “**great heaviness**” (*Greek: lupe - 16 times*) - *cf. John 16:6, 20-22; 2 Cor. 2:1, 3, 7; Phil. 2:27; Heb. 12:11* “**sorrow**” - (*Greek: odune - 2 times* - *cf. 1 Tim. 6:10*)

Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

4C. Centered in his desire for their salvation – 3 - *cf. Moses - Ex. 32:32* - “**my brethren...my countrymen according to the flesh**”

2B. As he REALIZED the blessings of Israel - 9:4-5

Rom 9:4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;

Rom 9:5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

- 1C. God's People - "*Israelites*" - cf. 11:1 - "For I also am an Israelite..."
- 2C. God's Purpose - "*adoption*" - cf. Ex. 5:22; Hosea 11:1
- 3C. God's Presence - "*the glory*" - cf. Ex. 40:34
- 4C. God's Promises - "*the covenants*"
 - 1D. To Abraham - Gen. 12:1-3; 17:2-8
 - 2D. To Moses - Exodus 31:16-17
 - 3D. To David - Psalm 89:3, 34-36; 132:11
- 5C. God's Principles - "*the giving of the law*" - cf. Rom. 1:17; 3:1-2
- 6C. God's Place - "*the service of God*" - Greek noun: *latreia* - used 6 times; the verb, *latreuo* - used 22 times - cf. Rom. 12:1; Heb. 9:1, 6, 9, 14; 12:28; 13:10; Rev. 22:3
- 7C. God's Prophecies - "*the promises*" - Greek: *epaggelia* - 53 times - cf. Rom. 4:13, 14, 16, 20; 15:8; 2 Cor. 1:20; Gal. 3:16; Eph. 2:12
- 8C. God's Patriarchs - "*the fathers*" - cf. Heb. 1:1-2
- 9C. God's Person - "*Christ (Messiah)*"
 - 1D. His incarnation - "*according to the flesh Christ came*" - John 1:1, 14; 1 Tim. 3:16
 - 2D. His influence - "*Who is over all*"
 - 3D. His true identity - "*the eternally blessed God*" - 1 John 5:20

THE NEEDED RESPONSE AT THIS POINT.....AMEN!!!!