



Romans
Part 16: Romans 9-11
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BIBLE VERSE

Romans 9:1-5

"I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen."

The Problem with the Jews According to Paul

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 9:8

8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 9:31-32

"The people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone."

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 10:3-4,

"Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes."

BIBLE VERSE

John 14:6

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

A Warning for the Gentiles

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 11:11-12

"Again I ask: Did they" – Israel - "stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!"

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 11:17-18

"If some of the branches have been broken off," – the Jews - "and you, though a wild olive shoot," - the Gentiles – "have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you."

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 11:19-21

"You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either."

A Hope for Everybody

BIBLE VERSE

Romans 11:25-26

"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved..."

BIBLE VERSE

Acts 1:6-9

"Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."

DIGGING DEEPER

This week's text: Romans 9, 10, & 11

BEFORE YOU START

Plan to do this: make time (about 15 minutes and keep any device that may distract away from you).

Spend a few moments preparing: Out loud, invite God to join you in this time and invited Him to speak to you.

Be honest: pray and let God know where you feel guilt, shame, or condemned...then thank him for His forgiveness.

Read a chapter a day

Memorize one part to repeat throughout the day.

Day 1: Reread Romans 9 and think about these questions:

Why does it matter whether you believe God's promises failed? Have they?

Are there promises you feel you haven't seen yet? Have you told God how you felt in prayer?

What, your life right now, do you God has failed? Let God know in prayer and pray a prayer of trust.

How does this passage challenge you? And how would you explain it to someone else?

Read verse 21, have you accepted this?

Day 2: Reread Romans 10 and consider the following:

Repeat verse 3 a few times: slowly, out loud, and emphasizing each word.

Can you think of times you've tried to establish your own righteousness? How does it compare to God's standard?

Can you explain what God's standard of righteousness is?

Have you accepted that Faith in Christ means not relying on your standard of righteousness for yourself or/and others?

Day 3: Reread Romans 11 and take a few moments on each question:

Repeat verse 33-36 a few times as a prayer (slowly, thoughtfully, and with your full attention...try lifting your hands while you do this).

Could someone look at your life and clearly see the work and benefit of the Gospel in it? Of God's grace that you show? Of a peace you practice?

Is there anyone you think might be beyond God's reach? Stop and pray for them right now by name trusting in God's sovereign work.

What is your default: High holiness with little grace? Lots of grace with no holiness? Can you live with both?

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Next Steps

A ROADMAP FOR EVERYONE

