

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

“How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?”

Week 12: Romans 9:1-33

I. Romans 9:1-13

1. To what degree did the Apostle grieve for the Israelites? (v 1-3)
2. Who in a comparable way was ready to offer himself to redeem his people from their curse?
Read Exodus 32:32
3. Why did Paul grieve for them? (v 1-3; read also 10:1-3)
4. What did Israel have that no other nation had? (v 4-5)
5. Who is Jesus Christ according to this verse? (v 5; see also Phil 2:6; Col 2:9)
6. Explain the phrase, “They are not all Israel who are of Israel” (v 6).
7. What other children did Abraham have who were not counted as children as far as inheritance was concerned? (v 7; see also Gal 4:28-31; Gen 21:9-10; 25:1-6)
8. How does the Apostle use Abraham's children to illustrate the spiritual truth that only the true believers are the true Israel, the true seed of Abraham? (v 6-9; see also Gal 3:7-9)

9. How is this illustrated in the birth of Jacob and Esau? (10-13)

II. Romans 9:14-29

10. What has God every right to do? (v 14-16)

11. What purpose did God make of Pharaoh's rejection of God's Word? (v 17)

12. How does the Apostle answer those who criticize God for being unfair? (19-23)

13. Of whom is the prophet describing as "not my people"? (25-26)

14. How then can they become the sons of the living God? (25-26)

15. Who then is the remnant spoken of in 9:27?

16. Even though much of Israel as a nation rejected their Savior, how do we see that "the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (11:29).

III. Romans 9:30-33

17. How did the Gentiles attain righteousness?

18. How did Israel as a nation fail to attain righteousness?

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 9:30-31, "What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law."