



ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL CONDITION

Romans 9:1-8

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In November, we concluded Romans chapter 8 by declaring for every believer that nothing can separate us from God's love. God indeed calls the saved by Christ, justifies the work through Christ, and glorifies the person in Christ. God will one day bring our salvation to completion when we are face to face with Him in heaven some day. God's love secures us and will last forever. Last week, we talked about God calling the Jews and the Gentiles alike to one faith, one baptism, one salvation because He is our one Lord. As we study the next few chapters in Romans, we will see Paul's genuine concern for Israel's spiritual condition and personal connection with God.

Romans 9:1-8

"I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. 6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 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."

1. The Spirit-led **AWARENESS** of **YOURSELF**. (v 1-3)

"Our conscience should be captive by the Word of God." Martin Luther, 1521

2. The Sincere **LOVE** for **LOST** People. (v 1-3)

"So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold. 32 But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written." Exodus 32:31-32

3. God Lovingly Gives **BLESSING** to Israel. (v 4-5)

1. ISRAELITES, Descendants of Abraham
2. ADOPTION
3. GOD'S PRESENCE

“And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.” Exodus 16:10

*“The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. **17** Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.” Exodus 24:16-17*

*“It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. **43** There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory.” Exodus 29:42-43*

4. COVENANTS
5. Given the LAW
6. TEMPLE SERVICE
7. PROMISES

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” Acts 2:39

8. PATRIARCHS
9. CHRIST, according to the Flesh,

- The greatest blessing is CHRIST — who is God over all.

The Bible is very clear — Israel will be saved, but not every Jew. Every people will be saved, but not every person because of unbelief.

- Ethnicity saves nobody!
- Good works saves nobody!
- Tradition saves nobody!
- ONLY Trust in Jesus Christ, His grace alone through faith alone!