

## The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Do you often marvel that you are a Christian?

## Romans 9:1-11:36

Israel and the Promise of God

I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.  
<sup>3</sup> For I could pray that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,  
<sup>4</sup> who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the *temple* service and the promises,  
<sup>5</sup> whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever.  
 Amen.

(Romans 9:1-5)

## Paul's Anguish

### 1. The Cause

- his kinsmen are under condemnation, separated from Christ in unbelief
- his anguish is exacerbated in that his kinsmen are Israelites, to whom belongs unequalled privileges

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### ➤ Israel's Privileges:

- "the adoption as sons"
- "the glory"
- "the covenants"
- "the giving of the Law"
- "the service/worship"
- "the promises"
- "the fathers"
- "the Messiah"

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### ➤ Israel's Privileges:

- these privileges highlight the apparent failure of God's promise to Israel
- these privileges to Israel typify and anticipate their fulfillment in Christ and all those in Him

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### 2. The Intensity

- Paul's grief is real and sincere – he has no anti-Jewish sentiment or any conceit
- the depth of his grief is seen in his willingness, if it were possible, to be accursed in the place of His kinsmen that they might be saved

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Do we ever grieve like this over lost people?