

Romans Refresh

Renewing Gospel-Centrality

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¹ I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, ⁴ 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, ⁵ 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)

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Exposition of the Gospel (1:16-11:36)

- A. The Gospel Explained Comprehensively (1:16-3:26)
- B. Defense and Implications of Justification (3:27-8:39)
- C. The Justification of Ungodly Israel and the Nations (9:1-11:36)

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Gospel Summary:

God justifies the ungodly
by grace alone
through faith alone
in Christ alone
to God's glory alone

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Gospel Summary:

For the demonstration, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:26)

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Israel & the Promise of God

Q: Why this section on Israel?

- to explain the present unbelief of Israel in the light of God's promise of their salvation
- to remind Gentile believers of the undeserved blessing of sharing in the promise that belongs to Israel – keep us from conceit

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Israel & the Promise of God

Q: What is Paul's central point?

- Israel's rejection of the gospel is part of the course which the promise of God must follow in coming to fulfilment
- Israel is presently consigned to disobedience that it may know justification by the Deliverer

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²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶ and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

“THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”

²⁷ “THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

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²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰ For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. ³² For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

(Romans 11:26-32)

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³³ Oh the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! ³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? ³⁵ Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? ³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

(Romans 11:33-36)

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