



The Privilege of Being God's Chosen People

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Text: Romans 9:1 – 5

I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 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. They are Israelites... and to them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

- Romans 9:2 – 5

Romans 9 – 11 is not merely Paul answering the critical question, 'What about Israel?' Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, shares the deepest burden of his heart, with his predominately Gentile readers, regarding the Jewish brethren. In these chapters Paul lays out his burden to see his Jewish brethren saved, as well as the role he sees for the Gentile church in helping to get that accomplished.

- Richard E. Freeman

Sermon Outline:

1. The Burden Paul was Given (9:1 – 3)

2. The Blessings Israel was Given (vs. 4 – 5)

3. The Saviour the World was Given (vs. 5)



Study and Discussion Questions –
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Open It

1. Share an example when you were on the good or the bad side of favouritism. How did being unfairly judged or treated land on you?
2. Do you have any Jewish friends or connections in your social circles? How much do you know about their history?

Explore It

3. What strong emotion was Paul feeling as he writes Romans 9 - 11? (9:2)
4. What situation made Paul feel sad and anguished? (9:2-3)
5. How far was Paul willing to go for his fellow Jews? (9:3)
6. What gifts and opportunities had God given to the Jewish people? (9:4-5)
7. According to Paul, what makes the rejection of Jesus Christ by a Jewish person so sad? (9:5)

Get It

8. What burdens do you carry for friends or relatives who do not know Christ?
9. What sacrifices would you be willing to make to give others a chance to know Christ?
10. How is it possible to come from a religious background and still not have a personal faith in God?
11. In what ways do people depend on a religious heritage for their salvation? Give examples.
12. What implications does Paul's burden for Israel have for our lives today?

Apply It

13. Is there someone specific that God has placed in your life to pray for and witness to? Share.
14. What sacrifices or efforts can you make this week to help a friend come to faith in Christ?
15. How can we support each other better in being disciples who make disciples?