

Passion For the Lost

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Romans 9:1-17 ¹I speak the truth in Christ; I am not lying, as confirmed by my conscience in the Holy Spirit. ²I have deep sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my own flesh and blood, ⁴the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory and the covenants; theirs the giving of the law, the temple worship, and the promises. ⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them proceeds the human descent of Christ, who is God over all, forever worthy of praise! Amen. ⁶It is not as though God's word has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are Abraham's descendants are they all his children. On the contrary, "Through Isaac your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸So it is not the children of the flesh who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son." ¹⁰Not only that, but Rebecca's children were conceived by one man, our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad, in order that God's plan of election might stand, ¹²not by works but by Him who calls, she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³So it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." ¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Certainly not! ¹⁵For He says to Moses: "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶So then, it does not depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** Paul states his **passion** for reaching his people, the Jews. In this statement he says that he would trade his own salvation for their redemption. V. 1-4a
- B.** Paul then lists the **reasons** why his people are so special. V. 4b-5
- C.** Paul then **clarifies** that just being a descendant of Abraham does not make you a child of Abraham. V. 6-8
- D.** Paul then lists some **examples** from the Old Testament of where they descended from Abraham, but God had said that they were not to be counted as His people. V. 9-13
- E.** God is a **just** God. V. 14
- F.** God's **mercy** cannot be earned. V. 15
- G.** God's **sovereignty** does not depend on man's choice. V. 16-17

II. How can we apply these truths to our life?

- A.** We must become so **passionate** for the salvation of the lost that we would do anything to reach them.
- B.** We should understand the **importance** of the Jewish people. We should also know that not all who claim to be Jews believe in the things that we think that they believe in. Pharisees Vs. Sadducees.
- C.** We must understand that God does not have **grandchildren**! We are either first generation believers or we are lost.
- D.** We must never treat anyone as **unreachable**. God's sovereignty is tempered with mercy.
- E.** We must call on anyone who will **listen** to receive Jesus Christ.