



A Heart for the Lost Romans 9:1-3

INTRODUCTION:

4 Questions that Must Be Answered

Question #1: If the gospel has gone to the _____,
what happened to Israel? (Rom. 1:5; 11:1)

Question #2: If the gospel was “to the Jew first,” why have so many
Jews _____ it? (Rom. 1:16; 9:30-32)

Question #3: If Jews and Gentiles are saved the same way, does _____
still have a unique place in God’s plan? (Rom. 2:28-29; 3:21; 9:4-5, 6)

Question #4: If God made promises to Israel, can those promises
_____? (Rom. 8:29-30; 9:6; 11:11)

God is not Finished with Israel

ROMANS 9 — ISRAEL’S _____

ROMANS 10 — ISRAEL’S _____

ROMANS 11 — ISRAEL’S _____

MESSAGE:

I. A Sincere Burden (v. 1)

- A. Christ is my _____ (Rom. 2:24; 3:9; 1:9;
2 Cor. 1:23; 2 Cor. 11:31)

- B. My _____ are my witness (Rom. 1:9;
2 Cor. 1:18; 11:31)
- C. My _____ and the Holy Spirit are my
witnesses (Acts 23:1; 2 Cor. 1:12; Titus 1:15; Rom. 9:15; 10:1)

II. A Sorrowful Burden (v. 2)

- A. His sorrow was _____ (Matt. 5:44)
- B. His sorrow was _____ (2 Cor. 6:10)
- C. His sorrow was _____ (Phil. 1:21;
Lk. 19:41-44; Rev. 21:4)

III. A Sacrificial Burden (v. 3)

- A. Paul was willing to give up what he _____ most
(Rom. 8:31-35)
- B. Paul’s words are _____, not literal
(Rom. 8:38-39)
- C. Only one _____ could actually bear the
curse for others (Gal. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 3:18)
- D. Sacrificial love will _____ you something
(2 Cor. 5:14-15; Phil. 2:5)

TAKE HOME:

- Who are the _____ in my life whose eternal
condition should burden my heart?
- Am I willing to _____ my time, comfort,
reputation, and convenience to reach them with the gospel?
- What is one specific _____ I will take this week
to pray for, pursue, or share Christ with someone who is lost?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others.

1. Do I truly care about specific lost people in my life, or have I grown indifferent toward their spiritual condition? (Rom. 9:2-3; Mt. 9:36; Lk. 19:41)
2. Am I speaking about unbelievers with truthfulness and sincere motives before Christ, or am I performing for others? (Rom. 9:1; 2 Cor. 11:31; Acts 23:1)
3. Does my understanding of God's sovereignty make me passive, or does it move me to pray, pursue, and share the gospel with hope? (Rom. 9:15-16; Rom. 10:1; 2 Tim. 2:10)
4. Is my grief over the lost deep and ongoing, or only occasional when it's convenient or emotional? (Rom. 9:2; 2 Cor. 6:10; Phil. 3:18)
5. Is my burden for unbelievers merely theological, or is it personal—"in my heart"—for people I actually know by name? (Rom. 9:2-3; Col. 1:28-29; 1 Thes. 2:8)
6. What would sacrificial love look like for me this week—time, comfort, convenience, or reputation—for someone's salvation? (Rom. 9:3; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Phil. 2:5)
7. Who are my closest "kinsmen" (family, neighbors, coworkers, friends) that I need to intentionally pursue with prayer and gospel clarity? (Rom. 9:3; Rom. 10:1; Acts 17:16-17)
8. What is one specific step I will take in the next 7 days to pray for, invite, serve, or share Christ with someone who is separated from Him? (Rom. 10:1; Col. 4:3-6; Jas. 5:20)

"...Paul was considered a traitor to the Jewish nation. He ministered to Gentiles and he taught freedom from the Law of Moses. He had preached in many synagogues and caused trouble, and no doubt many of the Jewish believers in Rome had heard of his questionable reputation. In these chapters, Paul showed his love for Israel and his desire for their welfare. This is the personal reason for this discussion."

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*