

A Heart for the Lost

Romans 9:1-3

4 Questions that Must Be Answered

Question #1: If the gospel has gone to the Gentiles, what happened to Israel?

Question #2: If the gospel was “to the Jew first,” why have so many Jews rejected it?

Question #3: If Jews and Gentiles are saved the same way, does Israel still have a unique place in God’s plan?

Question #4: If God made promises to Israel, can those promises fail?

God is not Finished with Israel

ROMANS 9 — ISRAEL'S *ELECTION*

ROMANS 10 — ISRAEL'S *REJECTION*

ROMANS 11 — ISRAEL'S *RESTORATION*

I. A Sincere Burden (v. 1)

- A. Christ is my witness
- B. My words are my witness
- C. My conscience and the Holy Spirit are my witnesses

II. A Sorrowful Burden (v. 2)

- A. His sorrow was great
- B. His sorrow was continual
- C. His sorrow was personal

III. A Sacrificial Burden (v. 3)

- A. Paul was willing to give up what he *treasured* most
- B. Paul's words are *hypothetical*, not literal
- C. Only one *person* could actually bear the curse for others
- D. Sacrificial love will *cost* you something

TAKE HOME:

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