

# Romans 9:1-5

## My Heart for Israel

### 1. Review Where We Have Been

- a. Hosea study taught us about...
  - i. God cutting Israel off (Jezreel) - Hos 1:5, 1:6, 1:9
  - ii. God's judgment and separation from Israel (no more mercy, not my people)
  - iii. God's love and promise to save Israel (regather, reunite, love, heal, bless)
  - iv. When Israel returns, they will receive grace and their kingdom - Hos 14
  - v. Hos 14:9 – "the ways of the Lord are right" to judge and to save.
  - vi. In Hosea we learn God's heart for Israel, in Rom 9-11 we learn of Paul's heart.
- b. Where we left off in Romans 8...
  - i. Rom 3 - Righteousness given freely by grace through faith in the cross of Christ.
  - ii. Rom 4 - Justified by faith w/o works, circumcision, law.
  - iii. Rom 5 - We have much more now in Christ.
  - iv. Rom 6 - Living free from sin under grace in Christ.
  - v. Rom 7 - Living free from the law in Christ.
  - vi. Rom 8 - Living free from the flesh by the Spirit.
    - 1. We are complete in Christ: free access all spiritual blessings (adoption, assurance, hope), delivered from condemnation, justified, glorified.
    - 2. 8:35-39 - "*who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*" A: nothing.
    - 3. We have an inseparable unity, communion, fellowship, love in Christ.
  - vii. In contrast a covenant standing can be revoked - Hos 8:3-4, Heb 6:4-8, 10:26-29
  - viii. Our mystery fellowship only possible b/c Israel rejected Christ (cross)
  - ix. We get dessert before dinner, they were already promised dessert(after dinner)
- c. Paul addresses Israel in Rom 9-11 b/c of what God had said since the world began (Hos)

### 2. Romans 9-11 Expectations

- a. Every chapter begins and ends with Israel (what Paul left out of Rom 4-8)
- b. From the outline: Romans (9-11) - Concerning the Salvation of Israel
  - i. Israel's (9) election, (10) rejection, (11) remnant and return
- c. 31 questions asked in 3 chapters (we must not miss the answers, 30+ prophecy quotes)
  - i. What of Israel now? Their salvation-covenants-future?
  - ii. If Israel is fallen, did God fail to do for Israel what he said?
  - iii. Is God unrighteous to cut them off? How did they miss God's righteousness?
  - iv. Does Paul oppose Israel, the law, God's covenants with Zion? Ac 21:28, Ro 11:26
  - v. Acts bridges Jerusalem (MMLJ) to Rome. Rom 9-11 is Paul's foundation.

### 3. 9:1-2 – Paul's Heart for Israel

- a. 1 - The conscience of the apostle of the Gentiles concerning Israel in unbelief.
- b. "*I lie not*" – Paul swears the truth Christ gave him often – 2 Cor 11:31, Gal 1:20, 1Ti 2:7
- c. 2 - "*continual sorrow in my heart*" - Why? They were blind, lost, fallen, rejected...
  - i. Also, enemies of Christ - Acts 13:45, 18:6, Rom 11:28, Phi 3:18, 1Th 2:14-16
  - ii. Paul was chief enemy (with them) made so by 12 apostles to Israel - Acts 8:1-4

- d. 3 - *"myself were accursed"* (impossible due to Rom 8) ← why Paul went to synagogues
  - i. *"accursed from Christ"* - condition of unbelieving Israel (separate from Christ)
  - ii. *"my kinsmen acc. to the flesh"* - Same plea as Moses in Exo 32:31-32

#### 4. 9:4-5 – Israel's Things

- a. 4-5 - *"to whom pertaineth"* - 7 things listed here + Christ are Israel's. Many are spiritual.
  - i. Israel has things that we cannot claim or usurp – Rom 3:2, 4:13, 11:12
  - ii. *"adoption"* - Becoming a son/heir of God - Gal 4:7 (Rom 8:25 is provoking)
  - iii. *"glory"* - I will place salvation in Zion for Israel, my glory – Isa 46:13
  - iv. *"covenants"* - All of them. We were strangers from them – Eph 2:12
  - v. *"giving of the law"* – Not just a curse, but a blessing - Ps 105:10-11, 147:19-20
  - vi. *"service of God"* – Priesthood, temple, prophets, atonement, ministers on earth.
  - vii. *"promises"* - of resurrection, mercy, blessing, forgiveness, salvation Jer 33:14-16
    - 1. Israel had God's promises for earth 2Ch 21:7, Ps 77:8, Lk 12:32, 2Pe 3:13
  - viii. *"fathers"* – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were Israel's - Rom 15:8
  - ix. *"of whom... Christ came"* ← This in Matt-John 1:11-12, Matt 15:24
    - 1. *"as concerning the flesh"* - Jesus was the Jewish Messiah.
    - 2. He appeared to Paul not after the flesh - 2 Ti 1:10, Rom 16:25, 2 Cor 5:16
  - x. *"who is over all, God blessed for ever"* – referring to Jesus (as the Lord over all)
    - 1. Lord Jesus Christ is over Israel (earth) and the Body (heaven) – Eph 1:10
    - 2. *"Amen"* - Paul reveals the mystery of Christ above all and over all.