

Romans 9:1 - 13

v1 Paul takes a solemn oath of truth

9 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have

v2 he grieves for the Jews, his people with unceasing grief

great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for

lit. "I could pray" because v3 is something he cannot pray.

v3 these are ominous words: because these words tell of the estate of Israel... "accursed... ..separated from Christ"

the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

⁴ who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons,

and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law

and the temple service and the promises, ⁵ whose are the

fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh,

v4 Paul recognizes the privileged estate of the Jew

OR rather "over all... ..God... ..Blessed forever."

who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. } i.e. "I believe this"

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they

are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel; ⁷ nor are they

all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but:

v6 An earthquake-like statement just because you are nationally and physically Jewish does not mean that you are spiritually a child of God..

"through Isaac your descendants will be named." ⁸ That is, it

is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but

the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

⁹ For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, >

and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰ And not only this, but there

was Rebekah also, when she had conceived *twins* by one

man, our father Isaac; ¹¹ for though *the twins* were not yet

born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's

God's visitation in Power

another illustration: Rebekah and Jacob and Esau

God's election is unconditional.

v7 Ishmael was born of Abraham but was not chosen as the child of Promise

v8 Physical birth does not equal spiritual birth...

v9 Isaac was born of the promise • the Power and the choice of God

purpose according to *His* choice would stand, not because of

works but because of Him who calls, ¹² it was said to her,

"The older will serve the younger." ¹³ Just as it is written,

"Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

"hated" means to *Pass over... Not to Place one's favor upon*

Life Group Application Questions

1. Did this passage in any way affect your view of God?
2. Your view of mankind?
3. Your view of your own salvation?
4. Your view of salvation in general?