

They Are Not All Israel Who Are of Israel

Rom 9:1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. 6 But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." 8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."

* **How does** Romans 8 end?

Rom 8.32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ... 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* **Why the** sudden shift of mood & subject matter from 8 to 9?

* **What were** most Israelites saying about the gospel?

* **What are** Paul's feelings toward his countrymen?

* **Why was** it important to show God's faithfulness to Israel?

(1) God's _____ was at stake.

(2) The Jew-Gentile controversy was a _____ to the church and the gospel.

* **Where did** Paul want to go on his next missionary journey, and what role did he want the church in Rome to play?

Rom 15.24 whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.

* **The reason** so many Israelites believed the gospel of Christ, with Jews and Gentiles as one people, represented an abandonment of God's OT promises and people, is that they misunderstood what?

* **In vs 4-9**, Paul is answering the charge that there was no

_____ to being an Israelite.

– **"the adoption"**

Jer 2.2 ... 'Thus says the LORD: "I remember you, The kindness of your youth, The love of your betrothal, When you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown.

Jer 3.14 "Return, O backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am married to you ..."

– **"the glory"**

Exo 40.34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

– **"the covenants"** (Exo 24.6-8; 2Sam 23.5); Jer 31.31-34; Mat 26.26-28)

– **"the giving** of the law" (Exo 24.3-8; Jer 2.2; Mat 22.37-40)

– **"the service** of God" (Exo 40.34-35; 2Chron 7.1)

to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this ... 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do."

– “the promises”

Gal 3.16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, Christ.

– “of whom are the fathers”

– “and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came ...”

* Compare Israel to the other nations.

Eph 2.11 ... Gentiles ... 12 ... at that time ... were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Rom 3.1 What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

* But having those opportunities & advantages is one thing;

_____ to them is another.

Mat 15.8 ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

Mat 3.9 and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

John 8.37 “I know you are Abraham’s seed, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you ... 39 If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek

John 1.11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

* People in the fallen state have no _____ to receive the Son of God, nor to worship God, nor to believe the word of God, unless God sovereignly intervenes and acts to make them _____ spiritually so that they respond to God and his word.

John 3.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

Eph 2.1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ ... 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God

* What made Isaac different? (7-9)

* It has always been about _____. It has always been about _____. It has always been about the gospel, and salvation going to all the _____, not just Israel.

Gal 3.8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” ... 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.