

How Much Do You Love Jewish People?

Romans 9:1-5

Another key development of Paul's epistle on the Righteousness of God.

- 1:17-3:20 *The need for God's Righteousness*
- 3:21-5:21 *How sinners can obtain God's Righteousness* (justification)
- 6-8 How the saved *live in God's Righteousness* (sanctification)
- 9-11 A *Defense* of God's Righteousness

Romans 9-11 are often overlooked.

In **today's Christian environment** of **man centered religion**, we desperately need the difficult teaching of these chapters!

The TRIUMPH of Romans 8:31-39 is measured against the SORROW of chapter 9. Paul is asking one of MANY QUESTIONS...

What about Israel?

What about the Lost?

If God has chosen to save some, what about those who reject him?

We can be justified, but is GOD JUSTIFIED?

Romans 9:3 *my own race*

Romans 10:1 *my prayer for the Israelites that they may be saved*

Romans 11:1 *Did God reject His people?*

ISRAEL is in focus.... Why??

Because it appears that in God's sovereign plan, He has forgotten Israel!

– *what does this say about God?*

– *what does this say about salvation?*

Romans 9:1-5 is important because it introduces these 3 chapters on God's Sovereignty and the JEWISH PEOPLE

I. What Do We Learn About the Apostle Paul?

A. His love for his brethren was **more than ethnic pride**.

1. The **depth** of his sorrow - *anathema!*

2. (Galatians 1:8) *"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!"*

3. Paul repeats MOSES. (Exodus 32:32) *"But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."*

- B. But PAUL was HATED by the Jews!
1. (1 Corinthians 4:13) *"when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world."*
 2. (Acts 22:22) -JERUSALEM- *" The crowd listened to Paul until he said this. Then they raised their voices and shouted, "Rid the earth of him! He's not fit to live!"*
- C. Paul loved people like JESUS loved people!
1. **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**
 2. **2 Corinthians 11:7-12**
- D. **QUESTION # 1 - Do you love people? - regarding EVANGELISM**
1. Evangelism is NOT about *winning arguments*
 2. Evangelism is NOT about *handing our tracts*
 3. Evangelism is NOT about getting people to *attend church services*
 4. Evangelism is NOT about *reforming America*
 5. To WIN PEOPLE we must LOVE PEOPLE
 6. MANY METHODS of EVANGELISM
 - a. Media (Television)
 - b. Get them to church
 - c. Give an altar call
 - d. Button hole
 7. We suggest **make friends** with people and **build bridges**
 8. **Slides** of Christmas Party
 9. **Isn't this disingenuous?**
 - a. What's wrong with telling people the most important thing that has ever happened?
 - b. What's wrong with wanting people to escape the flames of hell?
 - c. If they reject, **you are still their friend.**
 10. If you a **"friendship target"** of someone here at FBC:
 - a. Our agenda is to share the gospel
 - b. There is no coercion
 - c. True Christians will love you and respect your decision
 - d. **Before you object, why do your current friends love you? Are their motives more noble?**

II. What Do We Learn About the Jewish People?

A. A Special place in God's plan

1. Theirs is the SON SHIP (Romans 9:4)
 - a. **Divine glory.** (God dwelt with them)
 - b. The **covenants** (Genesis 12:1-3. **Palestinian** covenant, the **Davidic** Covenant, the **NEW** covenant)
 - c. **Receiving of the law**
 - d. The **temple worship**
 - e. The **promises** - this dispels the idea that the CHURCH replaces ISRAEL.
2. Theirs are the PATRIARCHS (the fathers)
 - a. The heritage through which Christ was born!

B. God has promised to BLESS those who BLESS Israel

1. (Genesis 12:3) *"I will **bless those who bless you**, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*
2. (Psalm 122:6-9) *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity."*

C. Jewish Accomplishments:

1. From About.com Given that Jews comprise a mere **1/4 of 1%** (13 million) of the world's population (6 billion) and that **99%** of the world is non-Jewish, the following list of accomplishments by Jews is quite impressive:
 - a. Of the **660 Nobel prizes** from 1901-1990, **160 have been won by Jews.** Jews have won more Nobel prizes than any other ethnicity. They have won 40 times more than should be expected of them based upon population statistics.
 - b. Dr. **Jonas Salk** created the first Polio Vaccine.
 - c. Dr. Abraham Waksman coined the term antibiotics.
 - d. Casmir Funk, a Polish Jew, pioneered a new field of medical research and coined the word "vitamins."
 - e. Dr. Simon Baruch performed the first successful operation for appendicitis
 - f. Dr. Albert Sabin developed the first oral polio vaccine.

D. We must love the Jewish People for their HISTORIC role in God's Plan

- E. We must love the Jewish People in their STRUGGLE for survival
 - 1. Muslim hatred for Israel is a SATANIC hatred
 - 2. SLIDE of Israel
 - 3. **6 million** in Israel. *1 million of them are Arabs, whose birth rate is 2x that of Jewish families*
 - 4. **21 Arab countries** surrounding Israel
 - a. Population **292 million**
 - b. Land mass = **650 x** that of Israel
 - c. Per capita annual GDP
 - (1) ISRAEL = **\$18,000**
 - (2) ARAB = **\$3,700**
 - 5. NEWS - Palestinians continually attack from Gaza - *after being given land that belonged to Israel*
 - 6. LAND for PEACE is a failure!
 - 7. TWO DANGER SIGNS that AMERICA is in decline
 - a. Redefining the FAMILY and MORALITY
 - b. Abandoning Israel
 - 8. Israel was in the land **2600 years** before Mohammad was born!
- F. We must love Jewish people and win them to Christ
 - 1. *Illus - 5 year old friend Ille Allemaya*
 - 2. *Illus - Hasidic Jewish men at the airport*
 - a. Instead of “can I show you how to find Jesus in the OT?”
 - b. *“Thank you for the dedication your people have toward the text of the Old Testament....”*

III. What Do We Learn About Romans 9-11?

- A. The Jewish People are a focus of God’s plan
- B. These three chapters answer the question “Is God righteous?”
- C. Tough questions that should not be ignored.

IV. Application:

- A. Christians should have an appreciation for the Jewish origins of the Christian Faith, and the Preservation of the OT Text by Jewish scribes.
- B. America must stand for Israel
- C. Israel has a special place in God’s plan!
- D. Evangelism starts with loving people

High School Football Game

Faith Christian Academy vs. Gainesville State

½ of the Fans from Faith Christian made signs and cheered for the players from Gainesville State

Fans made a 40 yard sprint line for the Gainesville players to enter the field

Made a banner for the Gainesville team to tear through "Go Tornados"

Accompanying the 14 players from Gainesville were 12 armed officers.

Gainesville state is a maximum security youth detention facility

Faith Christian won the game

Afterward the teams gathered at mid-field for prayer.

And it was a good thing everybody's heads were bowed because they might've seen Hogan wiping away tears.

As the Tornados walked back to their bus under guard, they each were handed a bag for the ride home a burger, some fries, a soda, some candy, a Bible and an encouraging letter from a Faith player.

The Gainesville coach saw Hogan, grabbed him hard by the shoulders and said, "You'll never know what your people did for these kids tonight. You'll never, ever know."