

15. Do you have a heart for Israel (*Romans 9:1-3*)? Why or why not?

How can you cultivate a greater burden for God's chosen people?

16. What does Paul say about Jesus when he says, *the Christ ... who is over all, God blessed forever (Romans 9:5)*?

17. Is it necessary for a person to understand and believe that Jesus is God in order to be saved? Can a truly saved person deny the deity of Jesus?

15. How can we pray for each other this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Give me Scotland or I die.

John Knox

O that I were a flame of fire in the hand of God.

Henry Martyn

I care not where I go, or how I live, or what I endure so that I may save souls. When I sleep I dream of them; when I awake they are first in my thoughts.

No amount of scholastic attainment, of able and profound exposition of brilliant and stirring eloquence can atone for the absence of a deep impassioned sympathetic love for human souls.

David Brainerd

Contrary to what some sincere Christians maintain, God cannot be finished with the nation of Israel—for the obvious reason that all of His promises to her have not yet been fulfilled. If God were through with His chosen nation, His Word would be false and His integrity discredited.

John MacArthur



Message #61: Paul's Burden

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Sermon Notes

1. Paul's Burden (9:1-3)

2. Israel's Privileges (9:4-5)

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?
2. What change do you see in Paul's mood as he shifts from *Romans 8* to *Romans 9*?
3. What is the connection between *Romans 8* and *Romans 9*?
4. Why does it matter whether or not God's promises have failed? What are the implications?
5. Read *Romans 9:1-5*. What one thought stands out as the most important, encouraging, challenging, puzzling, or convicting for you?
6. Why does Paul stress repeatedly that he's telling the truth (*Romans 9:1*)?
7. How does Paul feel about the fact that most of his fellow Jews had rejected Jesus as their King and Savior?

How did this feeling effect his actions?

How does the emotion of Paul's words move and challenge you?
8. What words and phrases show Paul's love for the Jews (*Romans 9:3*)?

9. What blessings and privileges had God given the Jews (*Romans 9:4-5*)?

How have you been given similar privileges?

Have these blessings caused you to become more or less responsive to God? Explain.

10. Have you experienced *great sorrow and unceasing grief* (*Romans 9:2*) over those who do not know Christ?
11. To what extent are you willing to go to remedy their plight (*Romans 9:3*)?

Are you concerned enough to pray? To share the gospel? To give your life?
12. How much thought or prayer do you give to the horrible situation of lost people? How can you change this to be more like Paul?
13. Are there those you need to be in anguish about, praying for, and actively sharing the gospel with?
14. How can we practically show lost people that we genuinely care about their spiritual condition, especially when they don't seem the least bit concerned?