The Book of Romans

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V. **Paul's** *Discourse* on the **Present** and **Future** <u>Status</u> concerning the **People of** <u>Israel</u> (9:1-11:36)

A. He *Expresses* his Personal <u>Burden</u> concerning his people Israel (9:1-5)

9 I am telling the **truth in Messiah**, I am not lying, my **conscience** testifies with me in the **Holy Spirit**,

² that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

³ For I could wish that I myself were <u>accursed</u>, separated from Messiah for 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 Messiah according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

- B. He *Explains* how that Israel's *Present* Status is according to the <u>Sovereign Purposes</u> of God (9:6-30)
- 1. *Who* has <u>not</u> failed regarding "His word," and the calling of <u>Israel</u> (9:6-9)

⁶ But *it is* **not** as though the **word of God** has *failed.* For they are **not** <u>all</u> **Israel** who are *descended* from Israel;

⁷ nor are they <u>all</u> children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH <u>ISAAC</u> YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

⁸ That is, it is <u>not</u> the **children** of the *flesh* who are **children** of God, but the **children** of the <u>promise</u> are regarded as **descendants**.

⁹ For this is the **word of** <u>promise</u>: "AT THIS TIME **I WILL COME**, AND <u>SARAH</u> SHALL HAVE **A SON**."

2. *Who* called <u>Jacob</u>, rather than Esau, according to His *sovereign* <u>purposes</u> (9:10-13)

¹⁰ And not only this, but there was <u>Rebekah</u> also, when she had conceived *twins* by **one man**, our **father** <u>Isaac</u>;

¹¹ for though *the twins* were **not yet born** and had not done anything *good* or *bad*,
so that **God's purpose** according to <u>*His* choice</u> would stand,
<u>not</u> because of *works* but because of *Him who calls*,

¹² it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE <u>YOUNGER</u>."

¹³ Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

Personal Application As **Believers**, we are <u>not Israel</u>, but we have been made **Partakers** of the <u>Blessings</u> according to <u>Promise</u>

...who are <u>Israelites</u>, to whom belongs the <u>adoption as sons</u>, and the <u>glory</u> and the <u>covenants</u> and the <u>giving of the Law</u> and the <u>temple service</u> and the <u>promises</u>, ⁵ whose are the <u>fathers</u>,

1. We too have been "chosen" to be the people of God.

But you are A <u>CHOSEN RACE</u>, ...,A HOLY NATION, A <u>PEOPLE</u> FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the *excellencies* of Him who has called you out of *darkness* into His marvelous *light;* (I Peter 2:9) 2. We too have received "adoption as sons."

For all who are being *led* by the Spirit of God, these are <u>sons</u> of God.

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again,

but **you** have received a **spirit of** *adoption* as <u>sons</u> by which **we** cry out, "**Abba! Father**!" (Romans 8:14-15)

3. We too will be in the Presence of His Glory,

Now to **Him** who is able to keep **you** from **stumbling**, and to make **you stand** in the **presence** of <u>His glory</u> **blameless** with **great joy**,

to the only **God our Savior**, through **Jesus the Messiah** our **Lord**, *be* **<u>glory</u>**, **majesty**, **dominion** and **authority**, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)

and *share* in His Glory.

and if **(we are) children**, **heirs also**, **heirs of God** and **fellow heirs** with Messiah, if indeed **we suffer** with *Him* so that **we** may also be <u>glorified</u> with *Him*. (Romans 8:17)

4. *We too* have a **covenant** *with* **God**—The <u>New Covenant</u>, which was **inaugurated** through the **death** of **Messiah**, and forms the *basis* for our **spiritual** <u>walk</u> and <u>life</u> as **believers**.

And in the same way *He (Jesus) took* the **cup** after they had eaten, saying, "This **cup** which is *poured out* for you is the <u>new covenant</u> in <u>My blood</u>. (Luke 22:20)

Not that we are adequate in **ourselves** to consider anything as *coming* from **ourselves**, but **our adequacy** is from **God**,

who also made <u>us</u> adequate *as* servants of a <u>new covenant</u>, not of the letter (the Law) but of the <u>Spirit;</u> for the letter *kills*, but the <u>Spirit</u> gives *life.* (II Corinthians 3:5-6)

5. *We too* embrace "the Law," for its teachings are the inspired <u>word</u> <u>of God</u> (II Tim. 3:16). However, in Messiah, we have been "released" from the Law's "jurisdiction" over us: → "But now we have been released from the Law,...

so that we serve (God) in *newness* of the <u>Spirit</u> and not in *oldness* of the <u>letter</u> (Romans 7:6)."

For **the** <u>law</u> of the <u>Spirit of life</u> in Messiah Jesus has set you *free* from the <u>law</u> of sin and of death (Romans 8:2).

6. *We too* now serve as a "royal priesthood," that we might "offer up *spiritual* sacrifices acceptable to God *through* Jesus the Messiah (I Peter 2: 5, 9).

But <u>you</u> are A CHOSEN RACE, <u>A royal PRIESTHOOD</u>, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION,..(I Peter 2:9a)

7. *We too* embrace the "fathers," the patriarchs, for *through* Messiah, we have been made *spiritual* sons of Abraham, and "heirs according to promise.

There is neither **Jew** nor **Greek**, there is neither **slave** nor **free man**, there is neither **male** nor **female**; for you are all **one** *in* **Messiah Jesus**.

And if **you** belong to **Messiah**, then **you** are **<u>Abraham's descendants</u>**, **heirs** according to **promise** (Galatians 3:28-29).

Closing Comments