

Romans 9

1. To what did Paul appeal in order to prove that he was speaking the truth with regard to his feelings for his Jewish brethren?
2. What was the source of Paul's pain and anguish of heart?
3. What did Paul say that he "could wish" to do regarding his Jewish brethren?
 - a. If you didn't answer this question as a part of question 3, what did Paul mean when he said that he could wish himself "accursed from Christ" for his brethren's sake?
4. Paul, in chapter 3, had cited the "chief" advantage of the Jews: What was that advantage? (3:2)
 - a. What special privileges and distinctions did the Jewish people have according to verses 4 & 5 of *this chapter*?
5. Most of the Jewish nation rejected Christ as their Savior. Thinking of verses 6 and following, what reason did Paul give as to why this did not amount to a failure on God's part?
 - a. What had Paul said in Romans 2:29 about who was a true Jew?

6. What two examples of God's use of people in the execution of His plans are cited by Paul in verses 10-18?
 - a. *Thought question:* Does God always select people for the purpose of their salvation? Or does He sometimes select people for the purpose of the execution of His plan?
 - b. What was unusual about God's selection of Jacob over Esau?
 - c. How and why did God use Pharaoh in delivering the Jews from Egyptian bondage?
7. What other illustration does Paul use in verses 20-23, and what was his point?
8. In verses 14 & 19, what potential argument does Paul deflect?
9. What two Old Testament prophets does Paul quote as proof that God intended for salvation to be granted to Gentiles?
10. The Gentiles did not pursue _____ but attained it.
11. Israel pursued _____ but did not attain it.
12. According to Romans 9:32, what was the real failure of the Jews with regard to the Law of Moses and salvation?