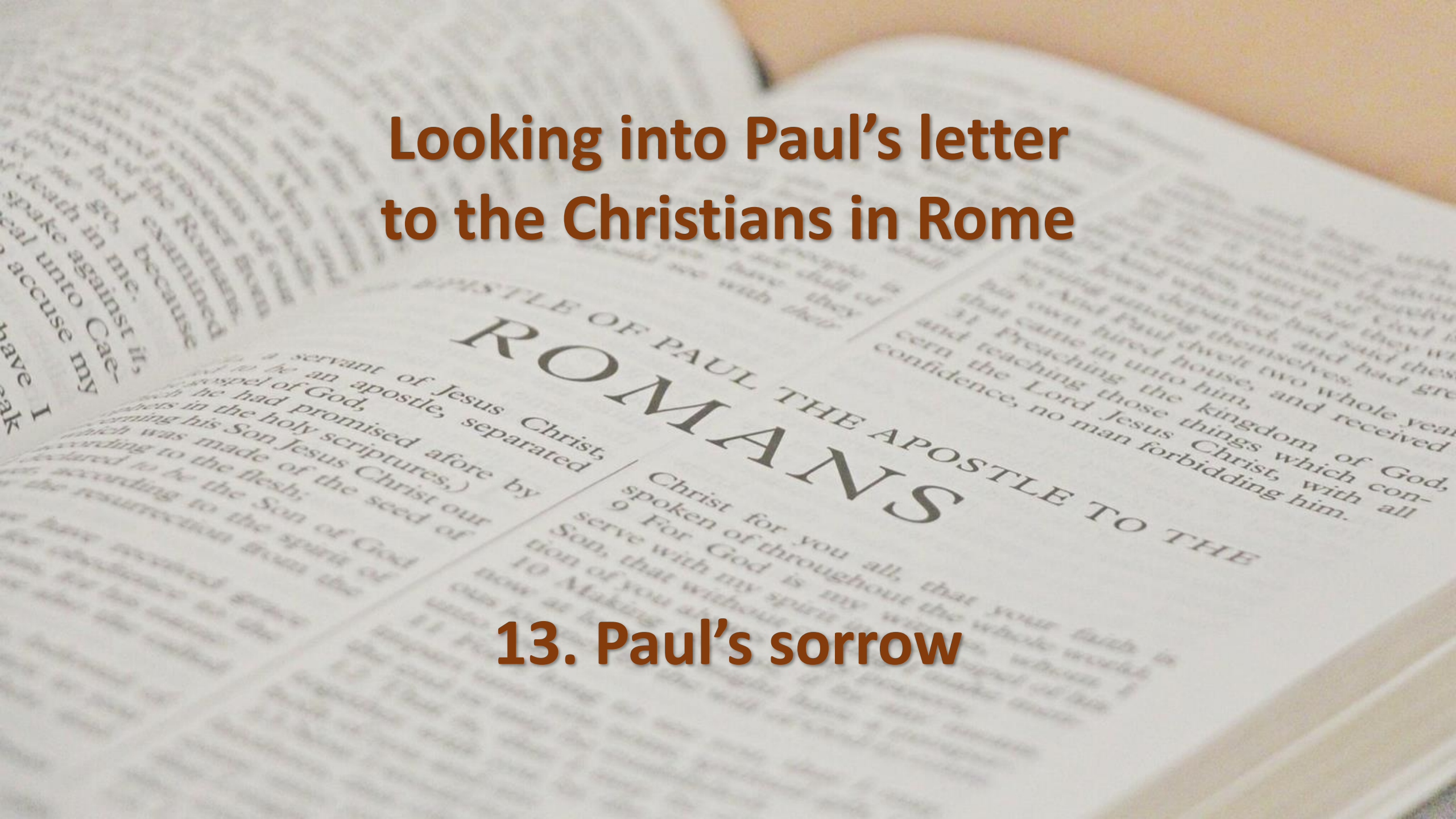


Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

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13. Paul's sorrow



Our need of salvation



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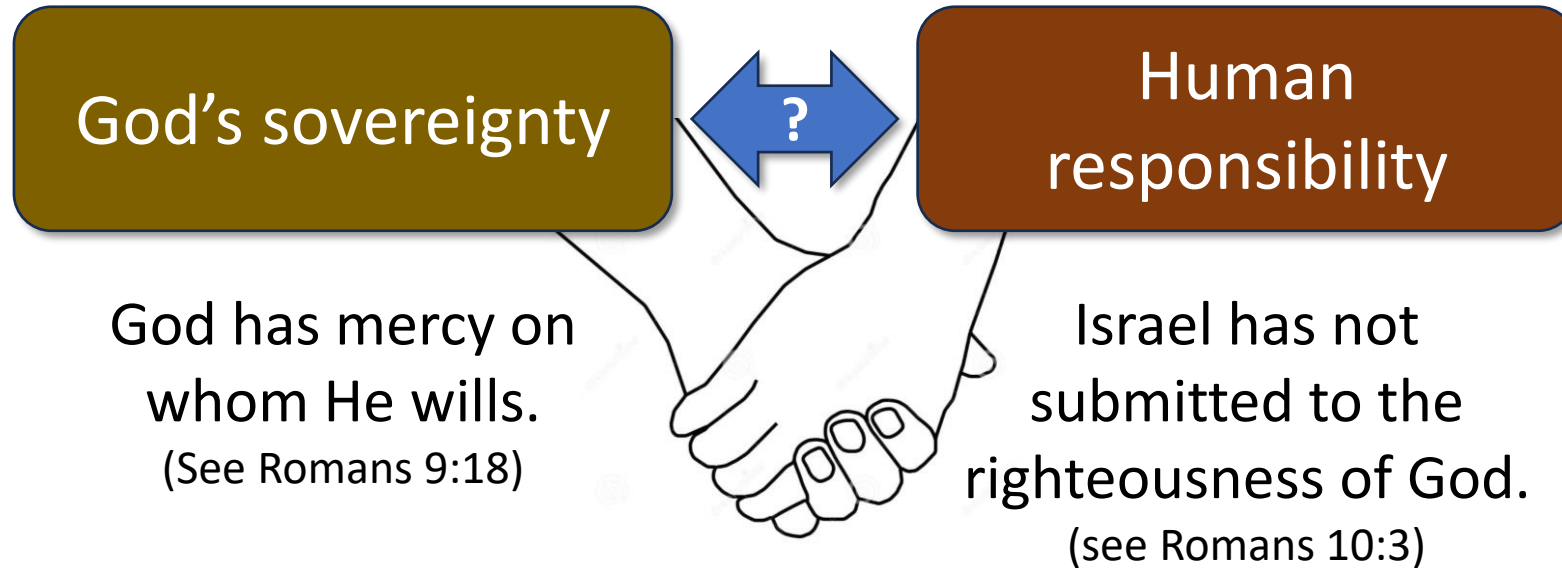


The most controversial section of Paul's letter!

What is Romans 9 to 11 all about?

- **WHERE DOES ISRAEL FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION?**
- God is sovereign. He is working salvation in all the earth.
- Israel has a zeal for God but without faith and disobedient.
- A remnant is now saved, but most are blind to the gospel.
- **Is this blindness permanent? Certainly not!**
- Like unfruitful branches, they have been "*broken off*"
- Gentiles are now being "*grafted in*".
- Once "*the fullness of the Gentiles*" has come in, **all Israel will be saved.**
- "*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!*"

Be prepared for this...



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(Romans 9:1-3)



Israel

Paul's sorrow at Israel's state

They are **Israelites**,
and to them belong

- ✓ the adoption
- ✓ the glory
- ✓ the covenants
- ✓ the giving of the law
- ✓ the worship
- ✓ the promises
- ✓ the patriarchs
- ✓ and from them is the Christ

Received as God's people

With Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Serving God in the Temple

...who is God over all,
blessed forever. Amen.

(See Romans 9:4-5)

It filled the Temple

At Mt Sinai

Of future glory

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The first question

If God made a covenant with Abraham,
and so many promises to the Jews,
why have they rejected the Messiah?
Has God's promise not been kept?

Paul's answer:

1. You are not truly Israel just because you are born into the Jewish nation.
2. God Himself chooses those to whom He shows mercy.
3. This is seen in both Isaac and Jacob, and in Pharaoh.
4. A remnant is being saved (9:27).

The first question to be answered

“Through **Isaac** shall your offspring be named.”
(Romans 9:7)

Jacob and Esau
(who were twins)

...though they were not yet born...
she [Rebekah] was told,
“The older will serve the younger.”

As it is written,
*“**Jacob** I loved, but **Esau** I hated.”*
(Romans 9:11-13)

See Malachi 1:2-3

Rejected

THE CHOSEN LINE

Hagar – **Abraham** – Sarah



Ishmael



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The second question...

What shall we say then?

Is there injustice on God's part?

By no means!

For He says to Moses,

*“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and
I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”*

(Romans 9:14-15)

The second question...

Salvation

So then
it depends

not on human will or exertion,
but on God, who has **mercy**.

(Romans 9:16)

Justice



We get what
we deserve –
condemnation!

Mercy



We get what
we **don't** deserve –
salvation!

The second question...

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh,
*“For this very purpose I have raised you up,
that I might show My power in you,
and that My name might be proclaimed
in all the earth.”*

**So then He has mercy on whomever He wills,
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The third question...

You will say to me then,

**“Why does He still find fault?
For who can resist His will?”**

(Romans 9:19)

You are just a
created being

**But who are you, O man,
to answer back to God?**

(Romans 9:20)

The third question...

What if God,
desiring to show His wrath
and to make known His power,
has endured with much patience
vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,
in order to make known
the riches of His glory for **vessels of mercy**,
which He has prepared beforehand for glory—
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That **Gentiles**
who did not pursue righteousness
have attained it, that is,
a righteousness that is by **faith**;
but that **Israel**
who pursued a **law**
that would lead to righteousness
did not succeed in reaching that **law**.

Why?

Because they did not pursue it by **faith**,
but as if it were based on **works**.

(Romans 9:30-32)

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Gentiles



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