



*“The Just Shall Live by Faith!”
The Apostle Paul
Romans 1:17*

**The Just Shall Live by Faith
“Paul’s Passion for His People” – Part 2
Romans 9:1-10:21**

In Romans 9-11, Paul addresses one of the major theological questions of the Christian faith:

Is God through with the nation of Israel?

Yes, the Jews were God’s chosen people with a unique and special place in God’s plan for man’s redemption:

- They were to serve as the channel through which the Savior would come.
- But, when God sent Jesus into the world as the agent of that redemption, the Jews rejected Him.
- **Did God’s promise fail? Did His Word fail? No!**
- The True Israel is not made up of members of any particular race or nation.
- The True Israel includes all the children of the PROMISE, and a child of the promise is a person who puts their faith in the PROMISE of God – the Savior, Jesus Christ!

1. The Privileges of Israel – Romans 9:1-5

- **They were Israelites** – *yisra* – means to strive or to struggle – *e/* – is the name of God. The name Israel describes

those who struggle or strive with God.

- **They had the adoption** – “*Israel is My Son, My firstborn.*” (Ex. 4:22) *When was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt!*” (Hos. 11:1)
- **They had the glory** – they were the only people to have seen the Shekinah glory of God.
- **They had the covenants** – God entered into personal covenants with Abraham, Moses, and David – He would be their God, and they would be His people.
- **They had the law** – not just the Ten Commandments, but the whole counsel of God in the language of man.
- **They had true worship** – they had the Tabernacle, the Temple, the Ordinances, the Priests, and the Prophets.
- **They had the promises** – they had the verbal and written promises of God.
- **They had the fathers** – they had the spiritual giants – the patriarchs of the faith – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, etc.
- **They had the MESSIAH** – the Jews had the privilege of seeing the Messiah – they “*beheld His glory; the glory of the only begotten of the Father.*”

2. The Rejection of Israel – 9:14-33

- God has a right to ELECT whom He wills –
- His right is as the POTTER over the CLAY.
- God has a right to SAVE whom He wills –
 - From the NATION of Israel, and from nations OTHER than Israel, to fulfill His PROMISE to Israel
- God will save those who do not pursue righteousness by their WORKS but by their FAITH.
- God will save those who do not pursue redemptions by keeping the LAW but by their FAITH in Jesus Christ.

3. The Gospel Is Universal – 10:12-21

- The Lord treats all men ALIKE.
- All men are saved by the same PROMISE.
- No one can be saved apart from hearing God’s WORD – the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.
- The “nation” of Israel was not saved:
 - Not because they did not HEAR the Word.
 - Not because they did not KNOW the Word.
 - But because they did not RECEIVE AND BELIEVE the Word.

