
ROMANS, CHAPTER 9

1. What did Paul's conscience do as he wrote? _____

2. What did Paul have in his heart? _____

* Paul was cheerful, happy, and contented wherever he was and whatever he was personally going through. Yet one thing grieved him greatly and sorrow was constantly in him.

3. What did he wish for himself? _____

4. Who would Paul be willing to be accursed for (cast out; excommunicated)? _____

5. What 6 things pertained (related; belonged) to the Israelites? (1) _____

(2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____

(5) _____ (6) _____

6. Who had Christ, the Son of man, come through? _____

* Can we even begin to understand such love as this? Paul had this love for the Israelites who beat him, chased him from town to town to persecute him, hated him, imprisoned him, stoned him, lied about him, and expelled him from their cities. Paul's entire life was Christ. He referred to all else as dung in comparison to having Christ. Read again his testimony in Philippians 3:8. Yet he loved his own people so much that he would willingly suffer even the loss of Christ to see them saved. Paul was a living example of obedience to his Lord's words in Matthew 5:44-48.

Moses also had this kind of love for the rebellious and idolatrous Israelites. See Exodus 32:31-35. He was willing to have his name blotted out from God's book of life if it would bring God's forgiveness for their great sins. This is the kind of love we all should have. How far we fall short! Jesus is our example. This is the love He had for us when He faced death in our place as an atonement for our souls. See Galatians 3:13. Read the first 8 words of Galatians 5:22.

"Oh, God! Give us this kind of love that flows only from You into us."

7. Are the children of the physical seed of Abraham the children of God? _____

8. Who is counted for the seed according to verse 8? _____

9. Did God elect (choose) the ones who would bring the Seed into the world even before their birth? _____

10. Who would Esau serve? _____

11. How did God feel toward Esau? _____ * Esau despised his *birthright*. He cared so little about God that he sold his *birthright* for a bowl of soup. He was concerned only about losing his *blessing* to Jacob. So many follow his path today. They care nothing about being born again into the kingdom of God by the blood of Jesus. They are not concerned with winning souls and bearing descendants in the faith. They want only God's *blessing* and count the *birthright* as nothing. They willingly trade the birthright for the world's tinsel and glitter. See Hebrews 12:16-17.

12. Is God ever unrighteous? _____

13. Who does God have mercy and compassion on? _____

* He is God. He knows us. He knows our hearts. He knows our motives. Read I Samuel 16:7; I Kings 8:39; I Chronicles 28:9; Luke 11:39; Matthew 23:28; and Jeremiah 17:10.