Romans 9:1-13

Review...

- Outline of the Book of Romans...
 - o **Chapters 1-8** The doctrine of Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ...
 - **Romans 1:17 -** For the just shall live by faith....
 - Romans 1:18-3:20 All of us are sinners all of us will be judged for our sin...
 - Romans 3:21-5:21 All can be saved righteousness by grace through faith in Jesus!
 - Romans 6:1-23 The problem of sin we cannot go on sinning as we did before Jesus…
 - Romans 7:1-25 We are the problem Flesh vs. Spirit we sin because we want to...
 - Romans 8:1-13 The 'power' to overcome sin by walking in the Spirit...
 - 1st There is no condemnation no judgment because of God's gift of righteousness...
 - 2nd Therefore we should choose to walk in the Spirit God changes our heart...
 - **Romans 8:14-28** The 'benefits' that come by the walking in the Spirit...
 - 1st We are the children of God born again/adopted into the family of God
 - 2nd Hope in time of suffering nothing in this world compares to heaven...
 - 3rd Help in weakness God knows everything about us all things work for good...
 - Romans 8:29-39 The 'confidence' that comes by the walking in the Spirit...
 - 1st We are predestined chosen by God to be changed and become like Jesus!
 - 2nd God is for us who can be against us Jesus freely forgives us ALL things!
 - 3rd Nothing can separate us from Jesus love...
 - o Not hard circumstances they actually draw us closer to Jesus!
 - o Not death / spiritual powers / time things present or to come / nothing at all!
 - o Chapters 9-11 The example of salvation by faith Israel vs. Gentiles...
 - The previous 8 chapters of Romans dealt with the doctrine of salvation by faith...
 - Chapters 9-11 gives the contrast Israel (flesh/works) vs. gentiles (spirit/grace)
 - Showing us by example we cannot be saved by works only by faith in Jesus!
 - Romans 9 Israel trusted in their 'flesh' their good works so they were not saved
 - **Romans 10** The gentiles trusted in Jesus salvation by faith so they were saved...
 - Romans 11 The restoration of the nation of Israel when they turn back to Jesus...
 - o Chapters 12-16 The application of our salvation how to live our life as a Christian...

THE EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL... VS. 1-13

- A HEAVY HEART... vs. 1-3
 - o Paul's Love for Israel... vs. 1-3
 - Paul was an Israelite called by God to be the Apostle to the Gentiles (Peter to the Jews)...
 - I Timothy 2:7 "I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, teacher of the Gentiles."
 - For that reason many Israelis questioned Paul's love for his people Acts 21:21
 - Paul uses Israel in **Romans 9** as a negative example of trusting in works to be saved...
 - Perhaps reinforcing the perception he did not have a love for the Jewish people...

- So Paul opens with a triple witness to his Love for His people Israel...
 - I tell the truth in Christ / I am not lying / my conscience bears witness in the Spirit
 - I have great sorrow continual sorrow in my heart for Israel...
 - Paul knew the majority of the Jews had rejected Jesus as their Messiah (savior)
 - o They trusted in the Law of Moses good works to get them into heaven...
 - o Paul knew his fellow Jews we destined for Hell because they had rejected Jesus
 - **o Galatians 2:16 -** "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ..."
 - o Perhaps we can relate to Paul we have family who do not have faith in Jesus...
 - o Friends who think they 'might' get into heaven because of their 'good works'...
 - o Those who believe in religion no real relationship with God empty rituals...
 - o Our heart breaks for them wishing they could have the abundant life in Jesus
 - Paul was at the point of wishing he would go to Hell if they could go to heaven...
 - o It was not possible but out of a broken heart for his people Paul almost wished
 - o He loved the Jews so much there was nothing he would not do to help save them!
 - **o** We see this in Paul's 3 missionary journeys in the book of Acts...
 - o In every city Paul went into the 1st place he went was the Jewish synagogue...
 - o Even if they beat him tried to kill him Paul came kept giving them the Gospel!
 - **o** We know what happens to those who do not have faith in Jesus...
 - o Can we say like Paul we would do almost anything to assure their salvation...
 - o Are we bold recognizing what is at stake the urgency of the need for Jesus...
 - o Or are we embarrassed concerned about what they might say or think of us...

• Not all Israel - is Israel... vs. 4-13

- o Israel had it all... vs. 4-5
 - Israel had everything they needed more than any other people to be saved...
 - They were 'adopted' as the chosen people of God **Deuteronomy 7:7**
 - They saw the 'glory' of God at Mt. Sinai Deuteronomy 5:24
 - They received the 'covenants' from God Abraham & Circumcision Genesis 15:18
 - They were given the 'Law' of God definition of 'good' Exodus 24:12
 - They were called into the 'service' of God Exodus 23:25
 - They received the 'promises' from God Jeremiah 31:31-33
 - All of the prophets all of the 'fathers' of the faith were Israelites...
 - Even Jesus according to the flesh (*Mary*) was an Israelite!
 - Jesus who is over all THE ETERNALLY BLESSED GOD...
 - Side note: Jesus was not just a man Paul here blatantly confirms Jesus is God!
 - The world is full of false faiths posing to be from God but denying the TRUE Jesus...
 - They talk about a Jesus but they are cults their Jesus is not THE Jesus of the Bible
 - They say Jesus is 'a god', or 'an angel', or 'just a man'...
 - But the Jesus of the Bible is THE ETERNALLY BLESSED GOD...
 - I John 5:7 "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."

- **Titus 2:13** "Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ..."
- Don't be fooled by the counterfeits the false religions and the cults...
- Jesus is God and simply only by faith in Him can we be saved!
- The point being Israel had it ALL if anyone should have been saved it was them!
 - They had God's Word they had EVERY blessing they should have believed...
 - But they did not it is not that the word of God had no effect...
 - o God's Word is powerful it changes hearts it transforms lives...
 - **o Hebrews 4:12 -** "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
 - o Romans 10:15 "Faith come by hearing and hearing by the Word of God..."
 - o But like a seed the Word can only bring fruit when it falls on good soil...
 - o If you take good seed and 'plant' it on a hardened road it will not grow...
 - o Take the same seed and put it in good soil it bears a LOT of fruit...
 - **o** It is not about the 'seed' (*Word of God*) it is about the soil (*hearts of men*)
 - God gave Israel GOOD seed but not all of the people of Israel were GOOD soil...
 - o Have you even noticed how one person is blessed by a Bible study...
 - o While another listening to the same Word is bored perhaps falling asleep...
 - o It is not the Word of God that is the problem it is the heart of the listener...
 - o If your heart is not open your ears will not listen your eyes will not see Jesus!
- o Not everyone who is a Jew (Israel) is 'Governed by God' (Israel)... vs. 6
 - Just because someone was born an 'Israelite' does not mean they follow God...
 - The Jews assumed because they were 'Israelites' they were saved going to heaven...
 - **Matthew 3:9** "Do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones."
 - Just because someone is born in the Philippines does not make them a Christian
 - If you father was a Christian even if your grandfather was a pastor...
 - It is no assurance you will go to heaven God has no grandkids only children...
 - Just because someone goes to church does not make them a Christian...
 - We can say all the right things to sound like a Christian come to church every Sunday...
 - But it is not about what we say or where we are it is about the actions from our lives
 - **John 8:39, 44** "'Abraham is our father.' Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham... You are of your father the devil..."
 - If you live like the devil then it's a good bet you are not a child of God...
- o In Isaac your children will be called... (Son of the promise)... vs. 7-9
 - Abraham was the father of 'Israel' but Abraham had more than 1 son...
 - God had promised to give Abraham a son but he was already 85 years old!
 - So he tried in his flesh to give God a 'helping hand' he had Ishmael (through Hagar)
 - God did not even recognize Ishmael as Abraham's son **Genesis 22:2**
 - The descendants of Ishmael were not God's chosen people they were not 'Israel'...
 - The promise to be 'God's chosen' people only came through the son of Promise Isaac!
 - At 100 years old God did the impossible He gave Abraham & Sarah a child...
 - God's chosen people came through Isaac the child of Promise (work of the Spirit)

- The picture being God does not recognize a work of the flesh...
- Those who try and be saved by good works 'flesh' are not the children of God...
- Only those who receive the promise of God 'salvation by the spirit' are saved!
- o A similar example Jacob vs. Esau... vs. 10-13...
 - Isaac was the son of promise but Isaac had more than 1 son he had twins...
 - Before they were even born having done neither good nor bad God chose...
 - o God knew everything about the two boys from the beginning therefore he said...
 - o 'Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated' Malachi 1:2-3
 - When we first look at the lives of these men this can seem confusing...
 - o Esau seemed at first to have been a 'pleasant' enough guy a hard working man
 - o Yet looking at the life of Jacob **Genesis 25-49** (*mentioned 164 times*)
 - o He was not a nice guy he cheated and lied his way through most of life
 - Not by works but of Him who calls...
 - But... God knew that Esau would be a worldly man not interested in the Lord
 - God knew that Jacob would be a man who would one day follow the Lord
 - God does not see us as we are today God does not see us from the outside
 - God sees the heart I Samuel 16:7 He sees us as we will be one day
 - How amazing that when God looks at us He does not see sinners...
 - He sees the saints that we will one day be by the Grace of God!
 - The next time you look in the mirror and ask why me God...
 - Remember God looks at a very different mirror He looks at the heart
 - He looks at the man of God He is making us to be!
- o Those who believe by faith are the sons of promise the chosen children of God...
 - Like Israel it does not matter how much we think we have going for us blessings...
 - It does not matter where we were born it does not matter who our family is...
 - It does not even matter what we do we are not saved by any of these things...
 - The children of God are those who believe salvation by grace through faith in Jesus!