

A HEART FOR THE LOST

Paul's Anguish; Israel's Privileges

Exposition of Romans, XXXIV

Romans 9:1-5

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INTRODUCTION

BRIEF COMMENTS ABOUT ROMANS 9-11

I. THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS ME TO GRIEVE FOR THE LOST ~ 9:1-3

A. Three Probing Questions; Three Honest Answers

1. Do you carry a burden for the lost?
2. Do you think that our level of anguish over the lost condition of our loved ones, our countrymen, and our world is proportionate to the level of understanding of grace?
3. Would you be willing to be honest?

Personal Reflection:

B. Four Wonderful Truisms; Four Helpful Encouragements

1. It IS possible to have great sorrow for the lost and at the same time experience great joy in the Lord.

2. We should be especially burdened for the salvation of those with whom we share a natural affinity.
3. We should be burdened especially for the salvation of those who have hurt us the most.
4. Lost people will not care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Personal Reflection:

II. THE PRIVILEGES OF ADOPTION POINT ME TO CHRIST IN ALL HIS MERCY ~ 9:4-5

A. The Privileges Provided in the Passage

1. The adoption ~ Exodus 4:20
2. The glory ~ Exodus 29:42ff; I Kings 8:10ff
3. The covenants ~ Gen. 12:1-3; 15; Exodus 24:8; Deut. 18:18; II Sam. 7:16; 23:5
4. The giving of the law ~ Exodus 20; Romans 2
5. The Worship ~ Hebrews 8:1-5; 9:1-4
6. The Promises ~ Gen. 3:14-21; 49:10; Psalm 2:2-7; 16:9, 10; 22; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, 7; 52:13ff; Micah 5:2
7. The Patriarchs ~ Hebrews 11
8. The Race from Which Jesus Would Come ~ Deuteronomy 4:7

B. The Privileges Are Real, and the Privileges Are Yours

CONCLUSION

It's not about me. It's not about you. It's all about Jesus.

It's all about HIS glory! The Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. (see 9:5)

**No matter where you find yourself today, if you are His,
you are being loved right now by an ever-present, ever-loving Redeemer.**