

***God's Sovereign
Gracious Election***

Romans 9



THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

Romans 9-11

Paul's concern and struggle with the salvation of the Jews

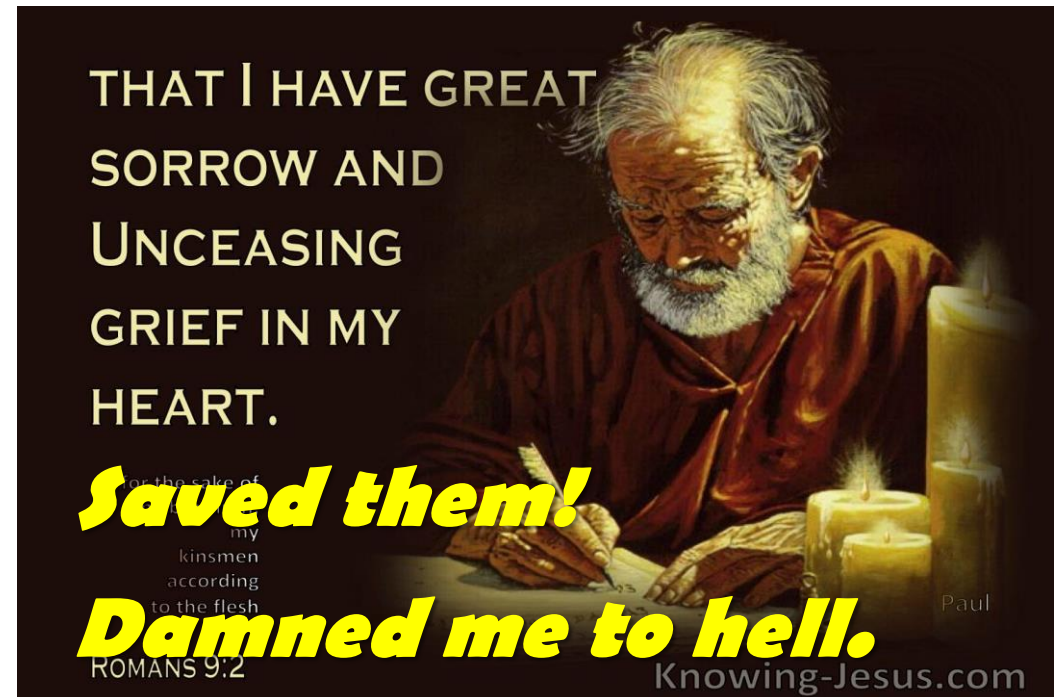
- **9** His sorrows and anguish over their unbelief
- **10** His prayerful longing for their salvation
- **11** His conviction God has not rejected them



V1-3 Paul's Anguish Over Israel for Their Unbelief

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race,

His Sincerity & Heart



V4-5 Their Eight Unique Privileges

*Theirs is the adoption to sonship;
theirs the divine glory,
the covenants,
the receiving of the law,
the temple worship and the promises.
⁵ *Theirs are the patriarchs,
and from them is traced the human
ancestry of the Messiah,**



**The Jews have a
greater blessing and
opportunity to be saved**

Yet they failed to be saved!

**Has God failed in
His promises to them?**



The Word of God Never Failed

- **V6b-13** *God never promised salvation to all Jews of Abraham's biological descents*
- **V14-23** *Salvation is a gift of God's electing love, not a birth right of Jews*
- **V24-29** *This gift of salvation is given to both Jews and Gentiles*



**He did not make
promises to all Jews**

*For not all who are descended from
Israel are Israel...it is not the
children by physical descent who are
God's children, but it is the children
of the promise who are regarded as
Abraham's offspring.*

There are two Israels
Biological and Spiritual



Not all children by physical descent are given the promised blessing of the covenant

“It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”



Only Jacob Not Esau

“The older will serve the younger.”

¹³ Just as it is written:

“Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

**Is God not unjust with
His Sovereign Election**

NO!





**Salvation is a gift of
God's electing love,
not a birth right of Jews**

***Our Salvation is
Entirely of His Grace,
Will, Initiative,
Wisdom & Power.***

**Our Salvation is
entirely by God's
mercy and compassion**

***¹⁵ For he says to Moses,
“I will have mercy on whom I have
mercy, and I will have compassion
on whom I have compassion.”***

***¹⁶ It does not, therefore,
depend on human desire or effort,
but on God's mercy.***

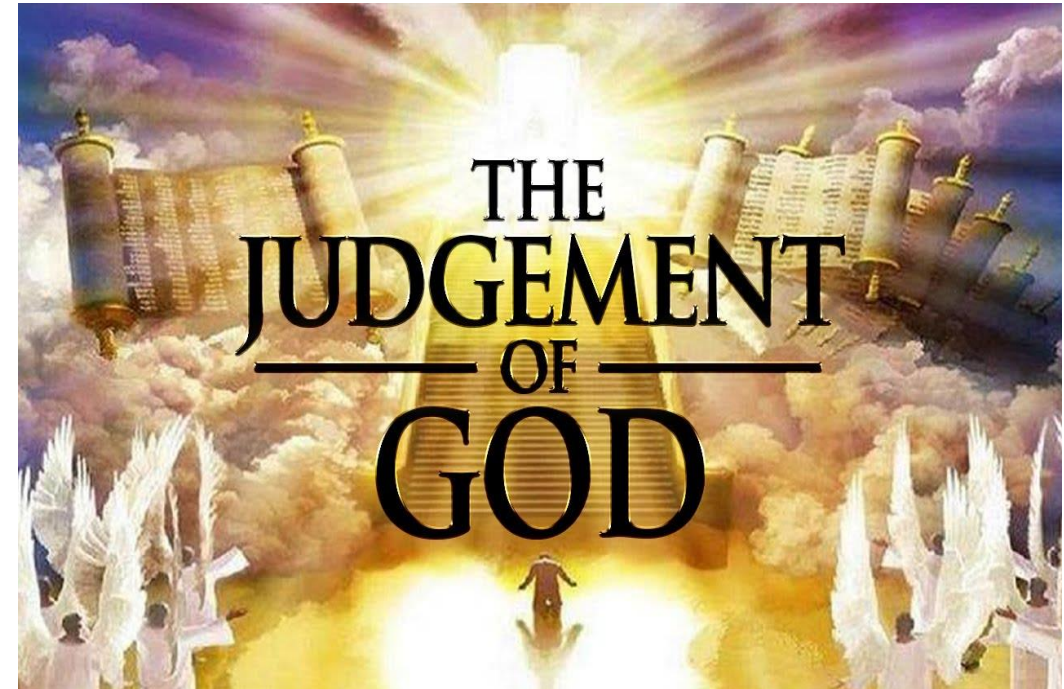
**We have no hope to start
with to save ourselves**



**For those who
stubbornly refused
his salvation**

***¹⁷ For Scripture says to Pharaoh:
“I raised you up for this very purpose,
that I might display my power in you
and that my name might be
proclaimed in all the earth.”***

***It is justice when
we received judgment
that we deserved***



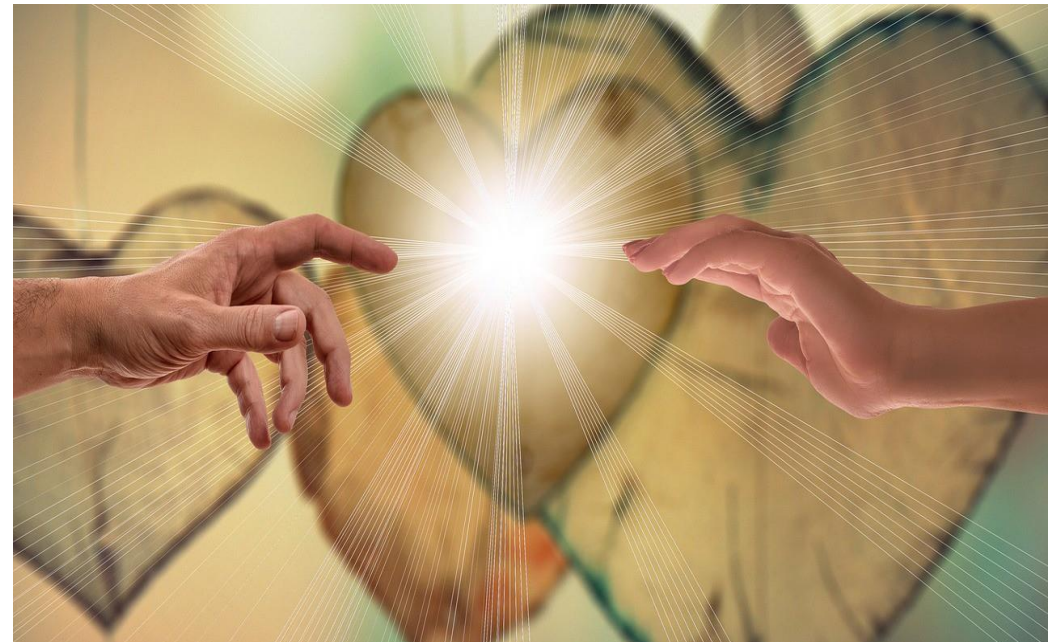
Some will object and protest

¹⁹ One of you will say to me:

“Then why does God still blame us?

For who is able to resist his will?”

**Since salvation is due to
His election, you can't
blame me for not being
a Christian then!**



Our Image of God **is Distorted**

20 But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God?



He is God of Justice with Mercy and Love

22 What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction?

**God Wrath
is Tempered
with His Mercy**



**His Heart is to Save
Both the Jews & Gentiles**

24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

Hosea 2:23; 1:10

“I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people... ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,”

Isaiah 10:22f; 1:9

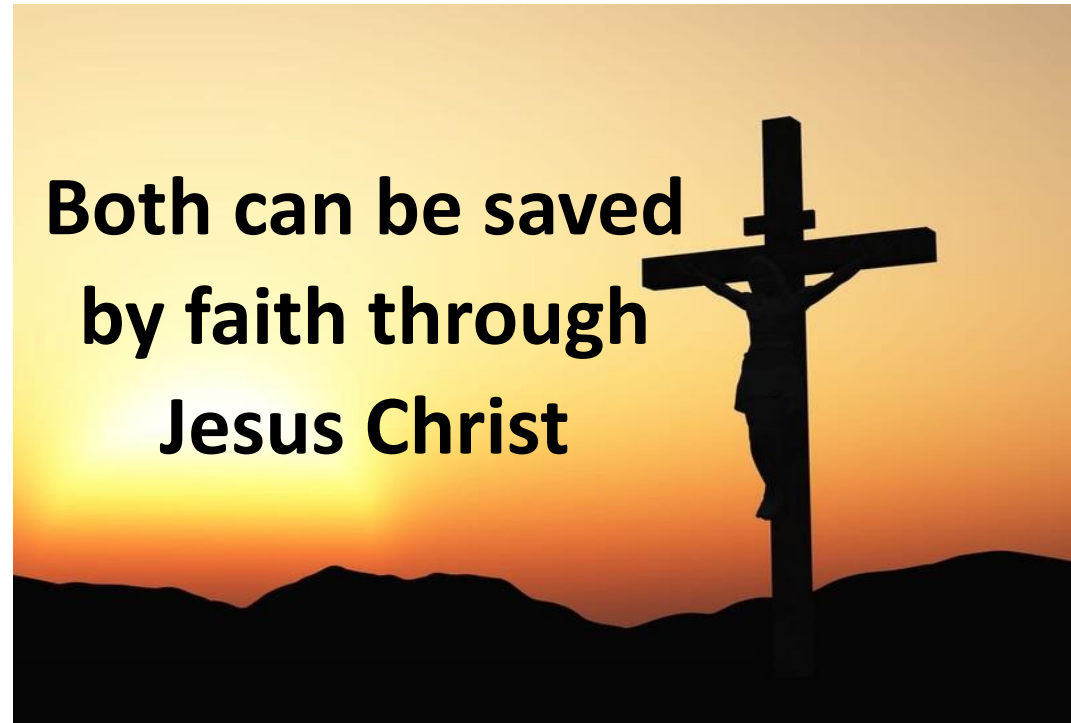
Isaiah cries out concerning Israel’s Remnant

**The Jews stumble
and fell because of
their own pride**

**Christ crucified, the
stumbling block for the Jews**

*As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion
a stone that causes people to
stumble and a rock that makes them
fall, and the one who believes in him
will never be put to shame."*

Isaiah 8:14; 28:16



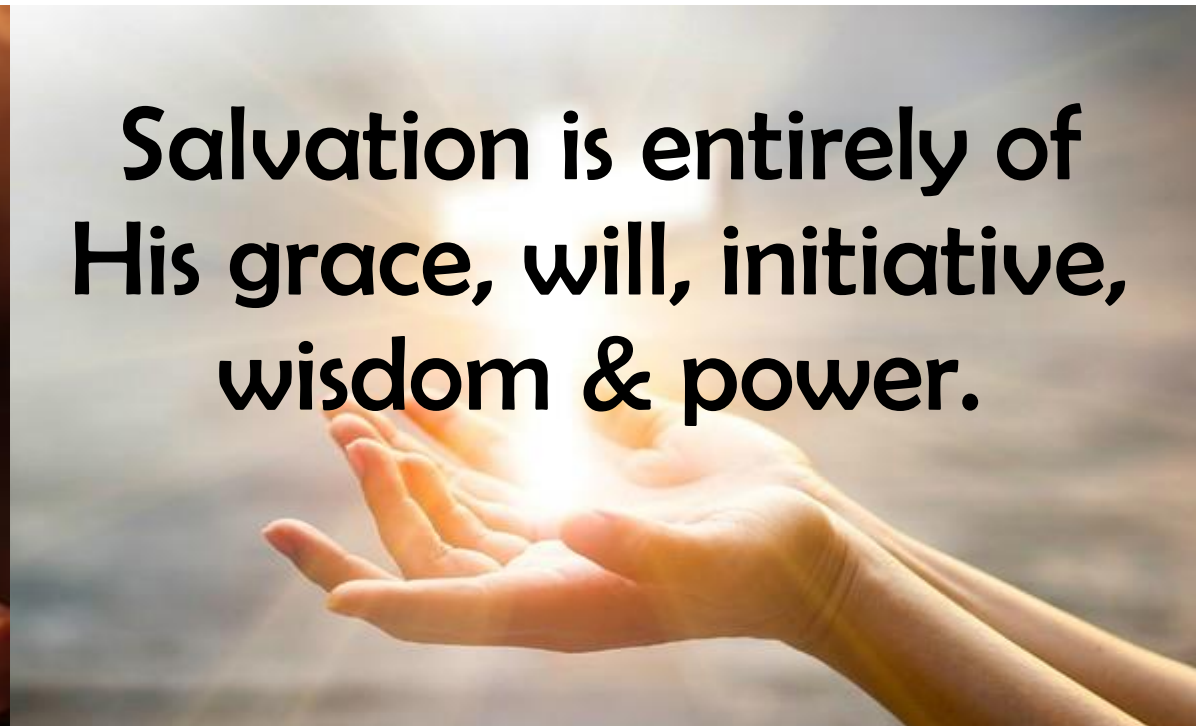
**Both can be saved
by faith through
Jesus Christ**

He is the Potter
We are the Clay

**Have Reverence for God
and His Election**



Salvation is entirely of
His grace, will, initiative,
wisdom & power.



A sunset over the ocean with a large heart shape in the sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The heart shape is formed by the sun's rays and is a bright, glowing white color. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

God's Election & Predestination

**For Our
Compassion
Not Conceit**

*The only source of divine
election and predestination
is divine love*

**Count Our Blessing
for Being Chosen!**

***Israel, the Jews represent
the unbelief today***

**Go and Share the
Good News to the Lost**