

A PAUL'S SORROW. Romans 9:1-3.

- ❖ Like Moses, Paul was willing to lose his own salvation to save the people of Israel. (Exodus 32:32).

B CHOOSING A SPECIAL PEOPLE. Romans 9:4-13.

- ❖ Why was Paul so worried about the people of Israel? Were they a special people? (Romans 9:4-5)
 - The people of Israel was a special people because they had great privileges. The greatest of all was being the birthplace of the Messiah: Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Why did God choose the people of Israel?
 - When Paul talks about Isaac and Jacob, he clarifies that there was nothing special on them when God chose them to be part of His people. God chose them just because He wanted to do so.
- ❖ The people of Israel rejected the Messiah, so they didn't accomplish their mission. Did God make a mistake by choosing them?
 - Although the physical descendants of Abraham failed, their mission was perpetuated with the descendants according to the promise: the spiritual Israel (and we are part of it)

C CHOOSING PEOPLE. Romans 9:14-18.

- ❖ God hardens some people and have mercy of others. Is He unfair?
 - God knows the decisions of everyone in advance, so He can announce their fate.

D GOD'S SPECIAL CHOICE. Romans 9:19-24.

- ❖ God reserves the right to choose certain people for special tasks.
- ❖ For example, he chose kings and prophets. He also distributes spiritual gifts the way He want to give, according to the work of each member of His church (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- ❖ God has chosen you for a special work; maybe it's something big or maybe it's something apparently less important before men.

E WHO DOES GOD CHOOSE? Romans 9:25-29.

- ❖ Israel was the chosen people but they rejected God. Then, God extended that choice to those who weren't their people: the Gentiles. The choice was transferred to the "spiritual Israel."
- ❖ God has a special remnant that must preserve the truth and preach it.

F WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DOES GOD CHOOSE FOR SALVATION? Romans 9:30-33.

- ❖ God chooses those who accept that "righteousness is by faith" to be saved, and He rejects those who seek righteousness "by works."
- ❖ The same "stone" (Jesus) brings salvation and condemnation. Luke 20:17-18.
 - Those who reject Jesus as the Jewish people did are "crushed."
 - Those who fall broken on Jesus' feet will not be ashamed, but will be saved.
- ❖ Has your hearth been broken by Jesus' love? Have you decided to leave your life in His hands?