

## God's Faithfulness to Israel, Despite its Past Failures (Romans 9:1-33)

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### Introduction

#### 9:1-5 Paul's grief for Israel

Paul truly has grief over Israel (9:1-2)

Paul could almost wish to be *anathema*, if that would change Israel's trajectory (9:3-5)  
Meaning of *anathema* (cf. Acts 23:21)

Despite Israel's privileges, it has a bad trajectory **FOR NOW** [that will change]

#### 9:6-13 Selectivity is consistent with the promises of the Abrahamic Covenant

God did not promise that all of Abraham's offspring would be his seed (9:6)

Abraham's seed is called in Isaac, not Ishmael (9:7-9)

Isaac's seed is called in Jacob, not Esau (9:10-13)

**9:14-29 God's selection of Israel is righteous, because He has dealt both mercy and wrath upon Israel  
God's use of mercy is not unrighteous (9:14-16)**

**God's use of wrath is not unrighteous (9:17-18)**

**God is righteous, when He blames, as a potter may make vessels of honor/dishonor (9:19-21)**

**God is righteous, when he demonstrates His wrath and power (9:22)**

**God is righteous, when He makes known His glory upon Jewish and Gentile [co-heirs] (9:23-24)**

**God is righteous, when He welcomes Israel [Samaria] and Gentiles as His people (9:25-26)**

**God is righteous, when He delivers a remnant of Israel after judgment (9:27-28)**

**God is righteous, when He spares a remnant of Israel from total destruction (9:29)**

**9:30-33 Israel has stumbled over Jesus Christ**

**Gentiles, who did not seek righteousness, found it by faith (9:30)**

**Israel, who sought righteousness through the law, did not find it (9:31)**

**Israel did not find righteousness, because works righteousness collided with Christ (9:32)**

**God has placed Jesus as a Stone of collision; believers ought not be ashamed of Him (9:33)**

**Conclusion**