Romans 9:1-9
"Children of Promise"
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Paul's concern for his fellow Jewish people (vv. 1-3)

- Paul is in *anguish* over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. He is *heartbroken*.
- He goes so far as to say that he might almost chooses to be cursed to hell if that would result in their salvation.
- He knows that this would accomplish nothing, for only Christ is the worthy sacrifice for their (and our) sin.

The Jewish people have great privileges (vv. 4-5)

- Six benefits are listed: adoption, glory, covenants, law, worship, and promises.
- The world is blessed by God's promise, for it is from Abraham's lineage that the man Jesus came.

Though many have failed to believe, God's promise has not failed (vv. 6-9)

- The reality that many of Abraham's descendents have not believed that Jesus is the Messiah does not mean that God's promises have failed.
- Those who believe, Jew or Gentile, are Abraham's children.

Kingdom-minded servants of Jesus—Jewish or Gentile—rejoice in their adoption as children of God.

Notes on Today's Message

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion

Open

- How do you feel when you hear about somone winning a great sum of money without doing anything for it?

Read

- Romans 9:1-9

Observe

- Given the assurance of 8:38-39 (nothing can separate us for the love of God in Christ Jesus), why do you think Paul turns his attention to the problem of widespread unbelief among the Jews?

- What advantages does Paul say that the Jewish people have? How should each of these benefits have drawn the Jewish people to Christ?

- How does Paul account for the unbelief of may Jewish people?

- How might the connection to Abraham help resolve differences between Jews and Gentiles?

Apply

- Read verses 6, 14, and 19. Three questions are raised regarding God's sovereignty and his plan. Which of these best describes your concern or discomfort about God's plan? What do you wish was different?

- How and where are you growing in your understanding of God's will for your life? How does your daily life show that growth?

Prayer

- Express your *gratitude* to God for making you a "child of the promise."
- *Pray for* people you know who have not (or not yet) believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior..