

Paul's Love for the Jews & God's love for the Jews

Romans 9:1-13

1. How do you respond emotionally when people reject the gospel? How did Paul react when Jews reject Christ? Do you fall short of Paul's example? Why? What steps can you take to develop a heart of compassion for the lost?
2. How far would you go to save the lost? Paul admitted that he was so desperate to save the lost Jews that he was willing to even surrender his eternal life with Christ so they might be saved! In the realm of possibility, what would you be willing to surrender in order to save the lost? What is the hardest thing for you to give up? Right now, what are you holding on to at the expense of evangelizing the lost?
3. Read Jeremiah 9:1 and 13:15-17. What is Jeremiah's response to Israel's sin? What specifically does Jeremiah accuse Israel of being and doing that causes his grief?

11. In verse 13, Paul quotes Malachi 1:2, 3 where God says, "Jacob I loved but Esau I hated." How does this affect your view of God? Is God unfair? [For the answer, preview next week's lesson in the rest of chapter nine.]

Suggested Memory Verse:

For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ, for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.
(Romans 9:3)