

What About Israel?

Introduction

- Paul, has given what is one of the most excellent surveys of salvation by grace.
- We just concluded this survey with a quiz of six questions that when answered shows

I. Paul's heart for Israel – Romans 9:1-3

A. It was honest – (1)

1. Paul was considered a traitor to the Jewish faith
2. He never lost his love for his Jewish family.

B. It was grieved – (2)

1. Every town he would visit the synagogue.
2. The Lord was specific to Paul's calling - Acts 9:15-16

C. It was sincere - (3)

1. Consider the depth of his sincerity for the Jews
2. Moses displayed this kind of love for the Jews - Exodus 32:31-33

II. God's love for Israel – Romans 9:4-5

A. Who are the Israelites? - (4)

1. They were the adopted

- a. The call of Abraham - Genesis 12:1-3
- b. God would choose them by choosing Abraham.
- c. Not in the sense of salvation but they were God's chosen nation.

2. They were the glory of God

- a. His glory was revealed by His presence
- b. They were to be a witness to the world
- c. "Apple of His eye" - Zechariah 2:8

3. The stewards of the covenants and law of God

- a. God's covenants were to Israel
- b. The ones called to the service of God
- c. The ones who were given the promises
- d. They were given the law at Mt. Sinai and through Moses.

B. Who is over all? - (5)

1. They have a lineage to the fathers of Judaism

2. Their lineage points to Christ

- a. Promised through Abraham - by whom all nations would be blessed
- b. Promised through David – It would be through David's line the Messiah would come.

3. Jesus is over all, the God who is blessed forever!