

# **The Book of Romans: Chapter 9**

*May 18 – 21, 2025*

**(1 – 5)** What observations did Paul provide regarding his fellow Jews? How did Paul describe their previous relationship with God while under the Old Law, and how should that have served as an advantage for them within the New Covenant? (*Exodus 32: 31 – 32*)

**(6 – 9)** What point did Paul make about the Jews by using a reference to the promise that God had made to Abraham regarding his descendants? Which two people did Paul compare in this passage, and what point did he establish by making this comparison? (*Genesis 21: 12 – 13; Genesis 18: 10*)

**(10 – 13)** What additional points did Paul make by referring to the account of Isaac and Rebecca, and their sons Jacob and Esau? How did Paul use this account to reinforce his point about the relationship between God's grace and our works? (*Genesis 25: 22 – 23; Malachi 1: 2 – 3*)

**(14 – 18)** Which historical perspectives did Paul use as illustrations of God's grace and mercy? How can Paul's illustrations help us to understand and describe God's promise of salvation as a manifestation of His grace? (*Exodus 33: 19; Exodus 9: 16*)

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**(19 – 21)** What additional perspectives did Paul provide on the topic of God's grace? What insight did Paul give regarding God's authority over His creation? (*Isaiah 64: 8; 1 John 2: 2*)

**(22 – 24)** How did Paul describe God's grace (as demonstrated by His promise of salvation)? To whom did God extend that promise?

**(25 – 26)** Describe how Paul used the two quotations from the prophet Hosea to articulate the universal nature of God's promise of salvation. How did these references reinforce the point that Paul was making to his Jewish audience, and how would this message have impacted his Gentile audience? (*Hosea 2: 23; Hosea 1: 10*)

**(27 – 29)** Describe how Paul used the two references from the prophet Isaiah to reinforce his point regarding the fact that the Old Law had been fulfilled, and the status of the Jews within the New Covenant. (*Isaiah 10: 22 – 23; Isaiah 1: 9*)

**(30 – 33)** What critical distinction did Paul draw between the Jews and Gentiles, and what does that distinction teach us about God's expectations of those who serve Him within the New Covenant? Regarding Paul's quote from the prophet Isaiah, who was the stone that the Jews had stumbled over? (*Isaiah 28: 16; Ephesians 2: 19 – 22*)