

Warmup

- How did the lecture on Romans 9 help you better understand the chapter?

Day 1: Read Romans 9:1-5 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

1. Why is Paul so anguished in verses 1-5, and what would he be willing to do if only the Jews would turn to Jesus? (verse 3)
2. **Personal Question:** Do you have a similar “anguish” over someone not knowing Jesus Christ? Explain why or why not.
3. What “spiritual advantages” are given to the Jews by God to draw them close to Himself in verses 4 and 5?

Day 2: Read Romans 9:6-13 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

4. Who does Paul say are the true descendants of Abraham?

5. **Personal Question:** Verse 8 uses the phrase, “children of the promise”. Explain what you think that means and how you might apply it to your own life. It will help to determine what the promise is in verse 9.
6. In Genesis 25:19-26, Isaac’s wife, Rebecca, gave birth to twin boys, Esau and Jacob. Birth order was very important in their culture, and it was customary for the younger sons to serve the oldest son. But God reversed that custom, and had the older son serve the younger. So, what point is being made in Romans 9:10-13? (Hint: Verse 12 reveals the answer).

Day 3: Read Romans 9:14-18 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

7. In verses 14-18, why does Paul conclude that God is NOT unjust in His dealings with mankind?

8. **Personal Question:** Have you ever felt God has been unjust in your life? Describe the circumstances. How does today's text help you with those feelings towards God?

Day 4: Read Romans 9:19-29 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

9. Using verses 19-21, explain why it's unwise to "talk back to God".

10. In verses 22-23, what do you learn about God's character?

11. **Thought Question:** Using verses 25-29, about whom are these Old Testament prophets speaking?

Day 5: Read Romans 9:30-33 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. How did the Gentiles attain righteousness, despite NOT pursuing it, and why did Israel (Jews) NOT attain righteousness despite pursuing the law of righteousness?

13. Verses 32 and 33 say the Jews “stumbled over the stumbling stone”. Who is the “stumbling stone”, and how did the Jews “stumble” over Him?

14. **Thought Question:** How is Jesus Christ a “stumbling stone” to people today? Explain how Jesus is the “rock of offense” for some and the “rock of salvation” for others.

Day 6: Re-read Romans 9 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

15. What is your main take-away from Romans 9? (Write it in a short sentence.)

16. Using your take-away from the previous question, how might you apply it to your own life today?