



Romans 9:1-13
Unconquerable Love | May 25th - 31st, 2014

Warm-up: On Sunday it was shared that no one among us will try to reach out to see another person saved unless we are *first* moved with love for God and love for the unsaved! In general, how is your heart for lost people?

- The shift from Romans 8 to Romans 9 can feel dramatic. The reasoning, however, is plain to see: Since nothing can ever separate us from God’s love (**8:38**), did God fail to keep His promise to Israel since so many (even still) do not believe(**9:6**)? With this brief context, read **Romans 9:1-13** aloud.
 - In **v.1-3**, what challenges, convicts, or surprises you about the heart Paul has for his fellow Jewish people?
 - In what way does this passage speak to the truth that God has always worked through *selection* and *faith*?

- Within this passage, identify and discuss all of the privileges that Paul lists the Jewish people as having, making their denial of Christ all the more painful!

- Beyond having a heart for those outside of faith in Christ, we also need “entry points” to talk about faith with pre-believers. In general, how equipped do you feel to share “truth about the world” with those outside the faith. (e.g. biblical truth about politics, the environment, homosexuality, bioethics, etc.) Why is being able to intelligently talk about these things so vital in this post-Christian age we are living in?

- **Romans 9:7-13** makes clear that God’s selection process is not based upon merit, good or bad works, but rather for His own purposes.
 - Is this a difficult concept for you to grasp? Why or why not?
 - What is comforting, or causes you to be in awe of God about this?

Wrap-up: Over the next few weeks, God’s plan and purposes for the nation of Israel will be front and center. You may even like to pick up a copy of Todd Morehead’s *Promised Land* study to prepare yourself. In closing, pray for a hunger to learn about these things and expect the Lord to meet you in the process!