



<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— <sup>12</sup>she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

## I. A \_\_\_\_\_ Exposed

*I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.*

"But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written." Exodus 32:32

Both Moses and Paul express a self-sacrificing love for the Israelites, not because of a shared \_\_\_\_\_, but because they are God's \_\_\_\_\_ people.

## II. A \_\_\_\_\_ Examined

*They are Israelites, and to them belong...*

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth." Amos 3:2

## III. A \_\_\_\_\_ Explained

*But it is not as though the word of God has failed.*

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the word

*For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring*

<sup>28</sup>For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. <sup>29</sup>But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. Romans 2:28-29

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ from the Word

*For this is what the promise said...*

**Last Thought:** God's \_\_\_\_\_ will be accomplished and He uses \_\_\_\_\_ like us to do it!