

“God’s Love for Israel”  
Romans 9:1-5

Seen in Paul’s Burden for Israel (1-3)

- The Truth of the burden (1)
- The Pain of the burden (2)
- The Extent of the burden (3)

Seen in God’s Blessings to Israel (4-5)

- The Adoption
- The Glory
- The Covenants
- The Giving of the Law
- The Service
- The Promises
- The Fathers
- The Christ

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Paul declares his love for his “*kinsmen according to the flesh.*” Briefly share something about your nationality and your relatives.

1. Describe Paul’s burden for Israel in your own words. Why does he have such a heavy burden on his heart? How can we develop a deeper burden for people who need Christ?
2. What is so special about Israel? What should our attitude be toward modern-day Israel? toward Jewish people we may meet?
3. Try to describe/define each of the 8 blessings God gave to Israel that are listed in verses 4-5. What is (are): The Adoption? The Glory? The Covenants? The Giving of the Law? The Service of God? The Promises? The Fathers? The Christ?
4. Pick out one (or two) of the blessings listed above and discuss how YOU now have this blessing as a child of God.

Small Group Prayer

Give each person an opportunity to share the name of someone in need of salvation who is a burden on their hearts. Be sure to mention these names as you pray together.

Digging Deeper

Read Romans 9-11 several times and jot down your observations and questions. For a shorter study, just do this for Romans 9.