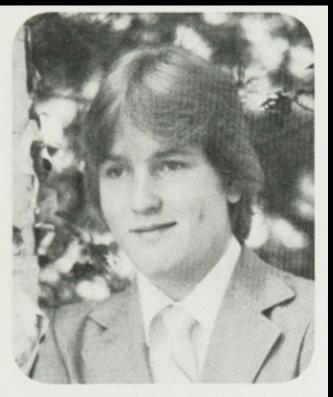


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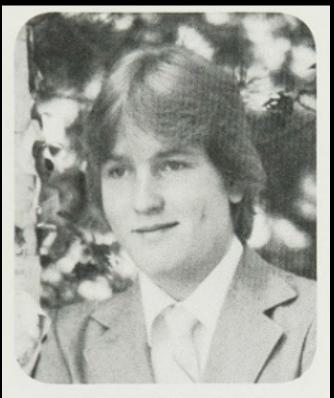
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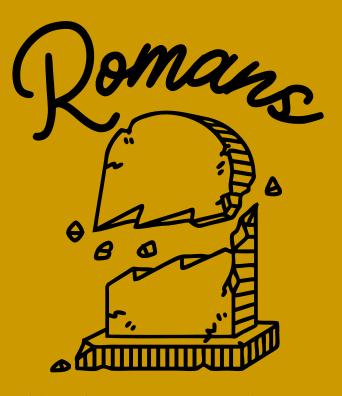








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THE GOOD NEWS CHAPTERS 1-3

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:18, 25

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth...

²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



Romans 3:22b-26

^{22b}For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

HOW DO WE LIVE THEN? CHAPTERS 4-8



Romans 6:1-4

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 7:14-15, 21-23

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions.
For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Romans 8:1-4 ¹There is therefore now nocondemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:31-32, 38-39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?...

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
 ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

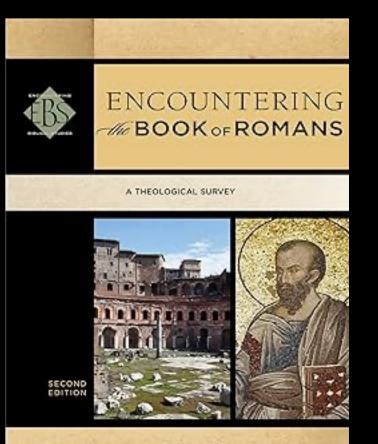
DID GOD'S PLAN FAIL? CHAPTERS 9-11



Romans 9:1-5

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Douglas J. Moo

Before we become immersed in the issue of Israel and its future, we need to back up and take a broader view of Romans 9–11. Israel is not, finally, the main topic of these chapters. The main topic is the integrity of God. By the time Paul wrote Romans, the general makeup of the early church had become clear. It was composed of many gentiles and relatively few Jews. We are so accustomed to this situation that it creates no surprise or shock.

But this simple fact was one of the most difficult theological issues that the early church had to face. The Old Testament appears to promise that the messianic salvation will be for Jews, with some gentiles allowed in. Paul and the other early Christians proclaimed that the messianic salvation had come through Jesus of Nazareth.

Why, then, was Israel not being redeemed, as the Old Testament has promised? Why was the church a mainly gentile body? Such questions cut right to the heart of the gospel, for if the gospel could not truly be seen as the continuation of God's plan from the Old Testament, then it would cease to be the gospel of God (cf. 1:2). God would seem to have changed his mind or gone back on his promises. In Romans 9–11, Paul tackles this key theological issue.

~ Douglas J. Moo, *Encountering the Book of Romans: A Theological <u>Survey</u>, ed. Walter A. Elwell, Second Edition., Encountering Biblical Studies (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014), 130–131.*

The heart of the apostle Paul

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Bargaining	Looking for a way out
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Acceptance	Finding way to keep going

The heart of the apostle Paul "I'd barter if I could"

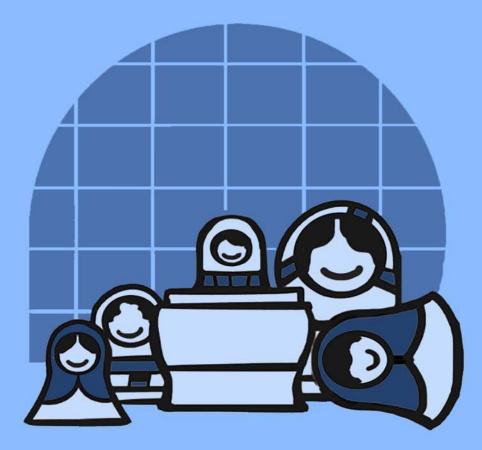
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Next of Kin

['nekst ōv 'kin]

The closest living relative of a deceased person, such as that person's spouse, siblings, or parents.

What binds people together?

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Heritage

Heritage Metanarrative

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The heart of the apostle Paul Paul's kin-folk

Acts 7:58-8:3

⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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¹And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ²Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

The heart of the apostle Paul Paul's radical transformation

Philippians 3:7-8

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ. Paul needs every ounce of courage because of the heavy sufferings he knows his work will bring. "The Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me," (Acts 20:23) he says. He is kidnapped (Acts 21:27), beaten (Acts 21:30-31; 23:3), threatened (Acts 22:22; 27:42), arrested many times (Acts 21:33; 22:24, 31; 23:35; 28:16), accused in lawsuits (Acts 21:34; 22:30; 24:1-2; 25:2, 7; 28:4), interrogated (Acts 25:24-27), ridiculed (Acts 26:24), ignored (Acts 27:11), shipwrecked (Acts 27:41) and bitten by a viper (Acts 28:3). Tradition says that Paul is eventually put to death for his work...

~ Paul's Suffering (Acts 20-28), <u>Theology of Work</u> website article https://www.theologyofwork.org/new-testament/acts/leadership-as-witness-acts-20-28/pauls-suffering-acts-20-28

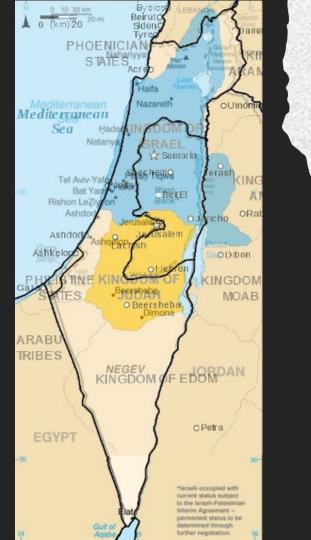
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ISREAL?

The State of Israel Political Nation



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The Descendants of Abraham + Converts

FOLLOWERS of Christ

Romans 9:4-5a

The heart of the apostle Paul The physical lineage of Jesus Christ

Romans 9:1-5

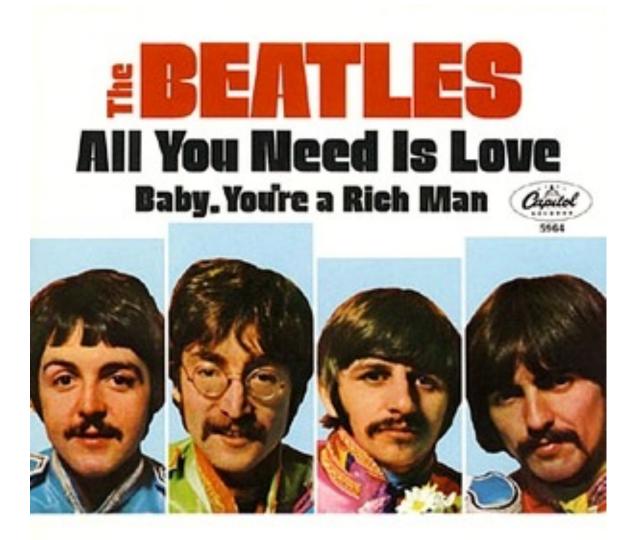
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2 Corinthians 5:14-15

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.