

“FAITH, GRACE, & GOD’S ELECT”

1. As a kid, were you ever envious of other families? Did you ever want to trade places, switch parents or adopt someone as your brother or sister? How so?

2. Given Paul's assurance in 8:39, why does he now discuss the problem of widespread Jewish unbelief? What question does unbelief raise for some (v. 6)?

3. How and why does Paul express his concern for his people?

4. How should each of the benefits he mentions in verses 4-5 have drawn the Jewish people to Christ? How does he account for their unbelief in spite of such advantages (vv.6-9; see 4:11-12)?

5. How would this link to Abraham help resolve conflicts between Jews and Gentiles?

6. In light of verses 11-13, how does Paul maintain God's justice? What does God mean by “love” and “hate” here.

7. What is God choosing/electing to?

8. What would be just and fair for each of us to receive from God (see 3:9-20)? On what basis does God relate to us (vv. 15-16; see 5:9-10)?

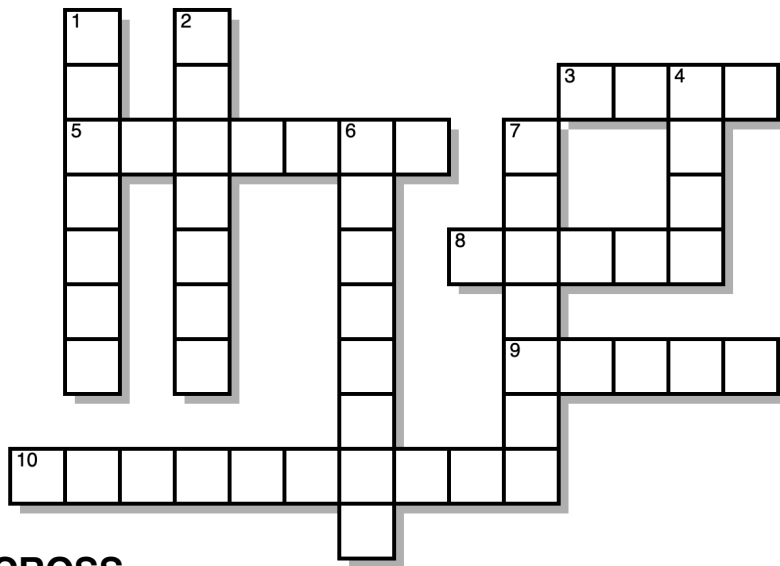
9. Of the implied or stated questions (vv.6,14,19), which one expresses your concern about God's plan? If you could ask Paul for clarification, what would you ask him? Why?

10. In what area are you growing in your understanding of God's will for your life? What questions would you like to ask God about this? Have you ever wondered why God chose you to be part of his plan for the universe? What have you concluded?

11. How deeply do you hurt for unbelievers? Why?

12. Who are some non-Christians God has used to help you toward spiritual maturity? How so?

13. What are five benefits to your spiritual life that have come to you because of where you live? How might these benefits blind you to aspects of God's saving grace? What will you do to insure that this does not happen?

**ACROSS**

3 "But it is not that the _____ of God has taken no effect. (9:6)

5 "nor are they all children because they are the seed of _____" (9:7)

8 "He says to _____, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.""

9 "In _____ your seed shall be called." (9:7)

10 "my _____ also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit" (9:1)

DOWN

1 "For the Scripture says to the _____, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." (9:17)

2 "Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He _____." (9:18)

4 "So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who _____, but of God who shows mercy." (9:16)

6 "For I could wish that I myself were _____ from Christ for my brethren" (9:3)

7 "the children of the _____ are counted as the seed." (9:8)

WORD SEARCH:

Spirit	Isaac
Sorrow	Counted
Grief	Sarah
Christ	Rebecca
Brethren	Election
Flesh	Works
Israelites	Calls
Adoption	Older
Glory	Younger
Covenants	Jacob
Law	Esau
Service	Moses
Promises	Mercy
Fathers	Compassion
Seed	Pharaoh
Abraham	

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