

Romans 9
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Romans 8:1, Romans 8:28, Romans 8:31, Romans 8:38-39

Romans 9:1-5 (NLT, pg. 941)

Romans 9:1 (NLT) With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it.

To what or whom are you living to _____?

Galatians 1:10 (NLT, pg. 971) Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

Romans 9:2-3 (NLT) My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed —cut off from Christ! —if that would save them.

What are your _____ for those that aren't living life in the Spirit?

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (NLT, pg. 955) When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

Romans 9:6-29 (NLT, pg. 941-942)

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT, pg. 712) And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

Romans 9:30-33 (NLT, pg. 942)

Romans 9:32b (NLT) They stumbled over the great rock in their path.

Pay attention to what trips you up – it might just be the most _____ thing in your journey.

Matthew 21:42 (NLT, pg. 819) Then Jesus asked them, "Didn't you ever read this in the Scriptures? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.

Final Thought: _____ (NLT, pg. 1017) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Romans 9 Discussion Questions

Review the four memory verses from Romans 8 (8:1, 8:28, 8:31, 8:38-39). Why do you think memorizing these verses would be a good idea for you and your faith journey? Which one is the most encouraging to you at this point in your faith journey? Explain.

To what or whom are you living to please? What are your true feelings for those that aren't living life in the Spirit? How do your answers compare to Paul's perspective in Romans 9? Explain. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. Once again Paul shares his heart and personal philosophy on spreading the gospel. What stands out to you about his attitude? How would his example apply to our culture today (since we don't deal a lot with Jews, Gentiles, the Law, etc.) What warnings or dangers do you see with this philosophy? Explain.

Read Romans 9:6-29. There are many theological truths presented here, what stands out to you the most? Paul quotes 10 different Old Testament passages in these verses, why do you think he does this? (hint: consider his original audience of the letter)

Jesus is described as the cornerstone and a stumbling block. In your opinion, what determines the difference in someone's life; whether they follow Jesus or stumble? "If something is tripping you up, it is also holding you back." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Read Hebrews 12:1-4. There are many things that can weigh us down and keep us from moving forward in our faith journey. What is weighing you down? How does this passage instruct us to get rid of the weight? What other encouragement do you find in this passage?