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Rom 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, (4) who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, (5) whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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the Gentiles!

Rom 3:1 Then what advantage has
the Jew? Or what is the benefit of
circumcision? (2) Great in every
respect. First of all, that they were
entrusted with the oracles of God.

Rom 9:13 Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED,
BUT ESAU I HATED."

Gen 25:29 When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished; (30) and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom. (31) But Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." (32) Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?"

Jacob and his mother, wanted the blessings of God and Esau had no use for them!

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!

The Jews still had (and have) a chance to obey God -- Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Act 10:35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

Rom 9:15-16 For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." (16) So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

Rev 21:6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

Rom 9:17-18 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." (18) So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

Rom 11:22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

Rom 9:19 You will say to me then,
"Why does He still find fault? For
who resists His will?"

If God controls each of us, He could
not condemn our sin!

Rom 9:20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? (21) Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?

We are to be instruments of God 2Ti
2:20-21 Now in a large house there are
not only gold and silver vessels, but also
vessels of wood and of earthenware,
and some to honor and some to
dishonor. (21) Therefore, if anyone
cleanses himself from these *things*, *he*
will be a vessel for honor, sanctified,
useful to the Master, prepared for every
good work.

He molds us by presenting opportunity to sin or do righteousness Jer 18:4 But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make. ... (6) "Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

No one has the right to argue with his circumstances! Isa 45:9 "Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker-- An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, 'What are you doing?' Or the thing you are making say, 'He has no hands'?"

God's purpose in molding us is our salvation

Rom 9:22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

1Ti 2:3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, (4) who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 9:23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

Mat 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Rom 9:24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

2Th 2:14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal 2:9 and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Rom 9:25 As He says also in Hosea, "I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'" (26) "AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD." (27) Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED; (28) FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD ON THE EARTH, THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY." (29) And just as Isaiah foretold, "UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOTH HAD LEFT TO US A POSTERITY, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE RESEMBLED GOMORRAH."

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith;

The Gentiles become His people through Jesus the Christ.

Rom 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, (18) and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Rom 9:31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. (22) "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' (23) "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Rom 9:32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,

Their preconceptions of the Kingdom and the Messiah made it impossible for the Jews to believe.

What preconceptions?

1Co 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

Joh 12:12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, (13) took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel."

Rom 9:33 just as it is written,
"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF
STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF
OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN
HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Ps 22.1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

V. 6 A reproach of men and despised by the people.

V.7 All who see me sneer at me;

v. 8 let Him deliver him;

v. 11 for trouble is near; For there is none to help.

V. 15 And my tongue cleaves to my jaws

v. 16 A band of evildoers has encompassed me;

v. 16 They pierced my hands and my feet.

V. 17 They look, they stare at me

v. 18 They divide my garments among them, v. 18

for my clothing they cast lots