

Romans 9:1-5 I am speaking the truth in Christ– I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit– (see II Corinthians 11:31; I Timothy 2:7) that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. (Romans 10:1-4 *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayers to God for them is that they might be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*) They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

1. God's Word is not failing
2. It has always been a remnant
3. God has purpose and uses both the righteous and the unbeliever
4. God foretold – see Hosea
5. Zion has stumble over the rock – Christ
6. Romans 9:31 for Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law.
7. God has not rejected Israel (11:1)
8. Key: Romans 11:7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, (Rom 11:7 ESV)
9. The issues:
 - a. Zeal for righteousness is not righteousness
 - b. A New Covenant has come
 - c. Israel seeks to observe the Law, as righteousness, where the Lord was the goal
 - d. 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 God himself is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord."

Romans 3:21-25 (NET) But now apart from the law the righteousness of God (which is attested by the law and the prophets) has been disclosed– namely, the righteousness of God through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. God publicly displayed him at his death as the mercy seat accessible through faith. This was to demonstrate his righteousness, because God in his forbearance had passed over the sins previously committed.