

## **Romans 9-11 Study Guide**

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### **Key Concepts**

- In Christ, God has fulfilled his promise to Abraham of using the ethnic nation of Israel to bless all nations.
- God can elect individuals to service without guaranteeing their personal salvation since salvation is always based on belief.
- The key to entering and remaining in God's grace is belief in Jesus Christ.
- It is not the lack of moral performance that condemns us; it is a lack of faith in Jesus.

### **Explore the Text**

1. Paul explains that not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel (9:6). What do you think is the difference in being an ethnic Jew vs. being a spiritual Israelite?
2. God sometimes uses unbelievers for his service while justly condemning them because of their faithlessness (vessels of wrath, 9:22-23). What do you think is the difference in God electing someone for service and God electing someone for salvation?
3. Belief in Jesus is the key to salvation (10:9-13). What do you think it means to call upon the name of the Lord? In the full context of Romans, what all might that involve?
4. Continuing in belief is crucial for remaining connected to Christ and a person can be broken off from God because of unbelief (11:20-23). What do you think is the difference in believing in Jesus and trying to be saved by your moral performance record?

### **Transform Your Life**

1. How have you tended to equate your service to God with your salvation?
2. What is the difference between believing something in your mind and believing it in your heart (cf. 10:9)?
3. When have you ever been jealous of someone who received something so easily while you worked so hard to obtain the same thing? How might this relate to grace?
4. In what areas in your life do you have the most difficulty allowing Jesus to be Lord?