BASIC OUTLINE OF ROMANS CHAPTER 9

- <u>9:1-5</u> Declaration of the fact that God has not fulfilled His program and purpose with Israel.
- <u>9:6-29</u> Paul addresses the common, erroneous misunderstandings and objections for why God has not fulfilled His program and purpose with Israel.

<u>9:6-13</u> – <u>1st Anticipated Misunderstanding</u>.

What has happened to Israel? Has the word of God taken none effect?

Though that might seem so – Paul shows that this is NOT the case at all. In fact, God's word all along has been calling out those in Israel who will fulfill His plan and purpose.

9:14-18 - 2nd Anticipated Misunderstanding.

Is God being *unrighteous* in what He has done with Israel? No, not at all – as Paul shows. In **spite** of His program with Israel, God has the right to be merciful and gracious to whomsoever He will – including the Gentiles – and God even has the right to delay fulfilling His declared purpose with Israel in order to accomplish **another** purpose He has.

<u>9:19-29</u> – <u>3rd Anticipated Misunderstanding</u>.

Paul now anticipates this objection: If this is all true, then why does

God still *find fault* and not go ahead and fulfill His program with Israel? For who has *resisted His will* and prevented Him from showing His mercy and graciousness, etc.? No one has. But, as Paul declares, no one has the right to dispute with God about what He is doing, or how long it takes, etc.

<u>9:30-33</u> – Conclusion – What has happened then? God has turned to the Gentiles in mercy and grace in response to Israel's *stumbling* over the Lord Jesus Christ.