

¹ I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

³ **For** I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my **brethren**, my **countrymen according to the flesh**, ⁴ **who are Israelites**, to **whom** *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ of **whom** are the fathers and from **whom**, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, *the eternally blessed God*. Amen.



⁶ **But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect.**

For they are not all **Israel** who are of **Israel**, ⁷ nor are they all **children** because they are **the seed of Abraham**;

but, "**In Isaac your seed shall be called.**"

⁸ **That is**, those who are **the children of the flesh**, these are not **the children of God**;

but **the children of the promise** are counted as **the seed**.

⁹ **For** this is the word of promise: "**At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.**"

¹⁰ **And not only this**, but when Rebecca also had conceived **by one man**, *even* by our father Isaac

¹¹ (**for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls**), ¹² it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger."

¹³ **As it is written**, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."



¹⁴ **What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!**

¹⁵ **For** He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

¹⁶ **So then** it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, **but of God who shows mercy**.

¹⁷ **For** the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

¹⁸ **Therefore** He has mercy on **whom He wills**, and **whom He wills** He hardens.



¹⁹ **You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?"**

²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, "Why have you made me like this?"

²¹ Does not the potter **have power** over the clay, from the same lump to make one **vessel for honor** and another **for dishonor**?

²² *What* if God, **wanting** to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the **vessels of wrath** prepared for destruction,

²³ **and that** He might make known the riches of His glory on the **vessels of mercy**, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

²⁴ even **us whom He called**, not of the **Jews** only, but also of the **Gentiles**?

²⁵ **As He says** also in Hosea: "I will call them **My people**, who were not My people, And her **beloved**, who was not beloved." ²⁶ **And** it shall come to pass 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 **also** cries out concerning **Israel**: "**Though** the number of **the children of Israel** be as the sand of the sea, **The remnant** will be saved. ²⁸ **For** He will finish the work and cut *it* short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth." ²⁹ **And** as Isaiah said before: "Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us **a seed**, We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah."



³⁰ **What shall we say then?**

That **Gentiles**, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;

³¹ but **Israel**, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

³² Why? **Because** they did not seek *it* by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. ³³ **As it is written**: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."