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- VBC Summer Picnic Organizational Meeting - Today @ 11am
- Gospel-Centered Parenting Class Begins - Wednesday, March 4th @ 7 pm
  - EXTOL Prayer & Praise - Thursday, March 5th @ 7 pm
- Women's Ministry EQUIP 2020 - Saturday, March 21st @ 8:30 am
- Serve Day @ the Arabic Church of Sacramento - Saturday, March 28th @ 9 am
  - Small Group Leader Training - Saturday, April 4th @ 9 am

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### SONGS & SERMONS

"Found in You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier

"Who You Say I Am" - Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

"Way Maker" - Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

"Jesus We Love You" - Hannah & Paul McClure, Kalley Heiligenthal

"Only Wise God" - Valley Bible Worship

To listen or watch today's message, visit [www.vbc.online/media](http://www.vbc.online/media)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,979.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$209,874.00

Giving Last Week.....\$40,475.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$229,618.00

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# ROMANS

THE RELIABILITY OF GOD

02/16/20 | MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

## MESSAGE NOTES

A spiritual paradox of rejection leads to undying passion  
Romans 9:1-5

### The privileges given to Israel as God's chosen people (4-5)

1. As explained in other Scriptures:

**Deut. 7:6** "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

**Rom. 3:1** Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? **2** Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.

2. As listed in our passages:

**Rom. 9:4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.  
**5** To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

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| a. "the adoption"          | - Exodus 4:22                                |
| b. "the glory"             | - Exodus 16:10                               |
| c. "the covenants"         | - Genesis 15:18; 2 Sam 7:12-16; Jer 31:31-34 |
| d. "the giving of the law" | - Deuteronomy 5:1-22                         |
| e. "the worship"           | - i.e., the Tabernacle & Temple; Num 28-29   |
| f. "the promises"          | - Joshua 21:45                               |
| g. "the patriarchs"        | - Exodus 3:15; cp Romans 11:28               |



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3. As climaxed in “the Christ”

**Gal. 4:4** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

### **Paul's deep personal grief at the paradox of Israel's rejection of Christ (1-3)**

1. Paul's claim to full honesty (1).

**Rom. 9:1** *I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—*

2. Paul's emotional pain over Israel's lost-ness (2).

**Rom. 9:2** *that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.*

3. Paul's passion for Israel's salvation expressed in the extreme (3).

**Rom. 9:3** *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.*

### **The passion of Paul for outsiders--attainable to every believer!**

*The realities that determined Paul's passion for outsiders:*

1. Paul's passion for Israel fit with his Jewish background – Phil 3:4-6.
2. Paul's own sense of unworthiness contrasted with God's full mercy dominated his thinking – 1 Timothy 1:12-16.
3. Paul's servant lifestyle (“obligation”) drove him to adapt so as to speak the gospel to his world – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, 24-27.

*The realities that can determine our passion for outsiders:*

1. Who am I? What is my background? Who do I relate to best: To whom am I drawn?
2. Do I every feel superior to outsiders? Is my need of mercy an everyday sensation? Am I growing in God's love for me? His acceptance of me?
3. How do I make time & occasion for “my people”? To whom can I adapt to this week?