UPCOMING EVENTS

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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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"Found in You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier

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

"Way Maker" - Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

"lesus We Love You" - Hannah & Paul McClure. Kalley Heiligenthal

"Only Wise God" - Valley Bible Worship

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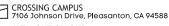
FINANCIAL REPORT

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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MESSAGE NOTES

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ROMANS

THE RELIABILITY OF GOD

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 lews 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.

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"

- Ioshua 21:45

g. "the patriarchs"

- Exodus 3:15; cp Romans 11:28

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?