
Has God's
Promise Failed?
Romans 9:1–13

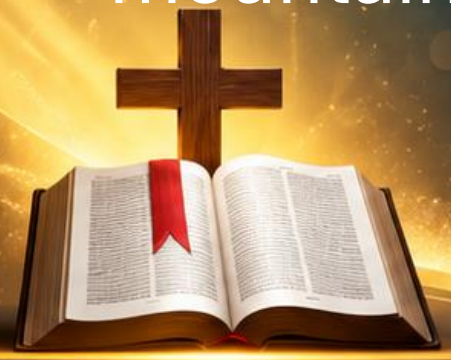
1. Speak the Truth with a Compassionate Heart

Verses 1–3:
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,”



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1 Corinthians13: 1-2 “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.”



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1John 3: 18 “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”



2. Spiritual Privileges Do Not Replace a Personal Response to God

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“Who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.”



2. Spiritual Privileges Do Not Replace a Personal Response to God

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”



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James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”



3. God’s Purpose Rests on His Grace Verses 10–13

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."



- Jacob bought Esau’s birthright in exchange for a meal.
- Later, with his mother’s help, he pretended to be Esau and stole the blessing from his father, Isaac.
- Esau’s anger forced Jacob to leave home and go to his uncle Laban.
- Along the way, at Bethel, he dreamed of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven. God reaffirmed to him the promise He had made to Abraham and Isaac and promised to be with him.



- Jacob lived and worked with Laban for many years and married Leah and Rachel. He became the father of twelve sons, whose families formed the twelve tribes of Israel. His family life was marked by rivalry, suffering, and many difficulties.
- While returning to his homeland, he wrestled one night with a mysterious figure. During that encounter, his name was changed to Israel, because he had struggled with God and with men.



Conclusion: What Are We Relying On?

God’s Word tells us, “For they are not all Israel who are of Israel.”



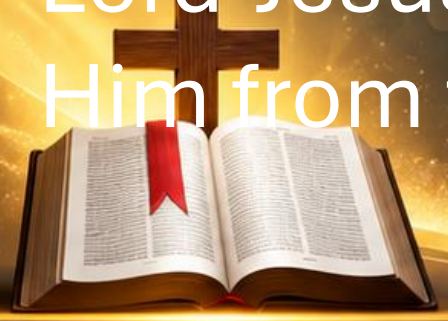


How can I know that I am a Christian?

1. I believe in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour.

This means that I confess Jesus as Lord and believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

Romans 10: 9 “that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”



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2. I have a new heart and a new life.
This means that I am no longer the person I used to be. Because God's power has changed me, I now desire to glorify Him in everything I do.

1Corinthians 10: 31 "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."



3. The Holy Spirit lives within me.

The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, lives within every believer.

Romans 8:9 “But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”



4. I read the Bible and put it into practice.

God makes Himself known to us in the Bible and speaks to us through it. If I have received salvation, I want to know God better and understand what He desires for my life. Because I love Him, I follow His commands.



5. I share the good news of Jesus with others.

I tell others that Jesus died to save us and rose again. If I have received salvation, I share how good Jesus is and how He has changed my life. I want others to experience the joy of salvation too.



John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

