

**Agonizing Over the Loved and Lost**  
**Romans 9:1-3**  
**November 6, 2022**

Preaching the whole counsel of God - including the hard stuff.

Romans 9-11 highlights the absolute sovereignty of God in our salvation.

Roman 9-11 is about evangelism.

Romans 9-11 explains the place of Gentiles and Jews in redemptive history.

Has the promise of God failed for the Israelites?

Hasn't the Word of God failed because of the unbelief of the Jews?

The greatest anguish.

You do not rightly embrace predestination unless you weep for the lost.

**Measuring the Depth of Paul's Conviction**

Paul gives Four assurances of his sincerity.

Why this need to pile on assurances that Paul is sincere in what he will say?

It was thought that he hated the Jews.

**Measuring the Depth of Paul's Compassion**

I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

I could wish that I myself were accursed

Anathema - cut off from Christ and assigned to hell.

Is it possible for Paul to be cut off from Christ?

The heart of compassion that often exists among the people of God.  
(Genesis 44:33; Exodus 32:32; 2 Samuel 18:33)

We can, and we should, intensely love those that are outside of Christ.

Pray for them - Love them - Be Christlike - Get them the gospel - Invite them into the fellowship - Befriend them Pray for their conversion.