

- I. Romans 9 teaches the apostolic doctrine of God's covenant of grace.
- II. We consider in Romans 9 the Holy Spirit's election theology of the covenant.

**Election in the Covenant
(1) The True Seed of Abraham**

I. Why Consider This?

A. The question is why don't some in the church believe?

B. This was a great struggle for Paul - there was great heaviness and continual sorrow in his heart about this.

II. Who Are They?

A. The important phrase in the text is found in vs. 6: for they are not all Israel, which are of Israel. Paul is speaking of two different groups in Israel: the Israel of all the descendants of Jacob and the Israel of God's people.

B. This is so important to understand because of the teaching today of a conditional covenant.

III. What Do We Learn? This is a very practical text for us today.

A. First, the text shows us how we are to treat our children.

B. We learn also, that we must beware for the children of the flesh in the instituted church.