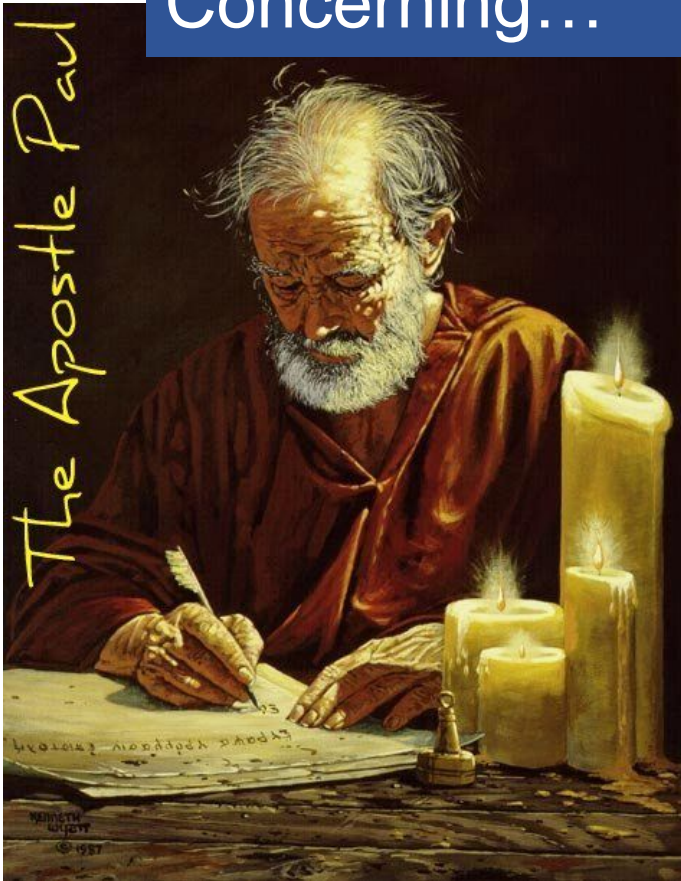


Rom 9-11:
The Apostle Paul's
“Anguish” over His
People's Situation

Rom. 9: 3,4a, 7

Concerning...



*“my brothers,
my own race, (lit.
“kinsmen,
countrymen
according to the
flesh)
the people of Israel
- descendants of
Abraham through
Isaac”*

**Romans
1-8**

**Doctrinal
Teaching**

**What we
should
believe**

**Romans
9-11**

**But what about my
own people?**

**Romans
12-16**

**Practical
Teaching**

**How we
should
behave**

Apostolic Period (AD 100-150)

Major changes at this time:

- The church became more Gentile
- The NT came to have equivalent authority as the OT

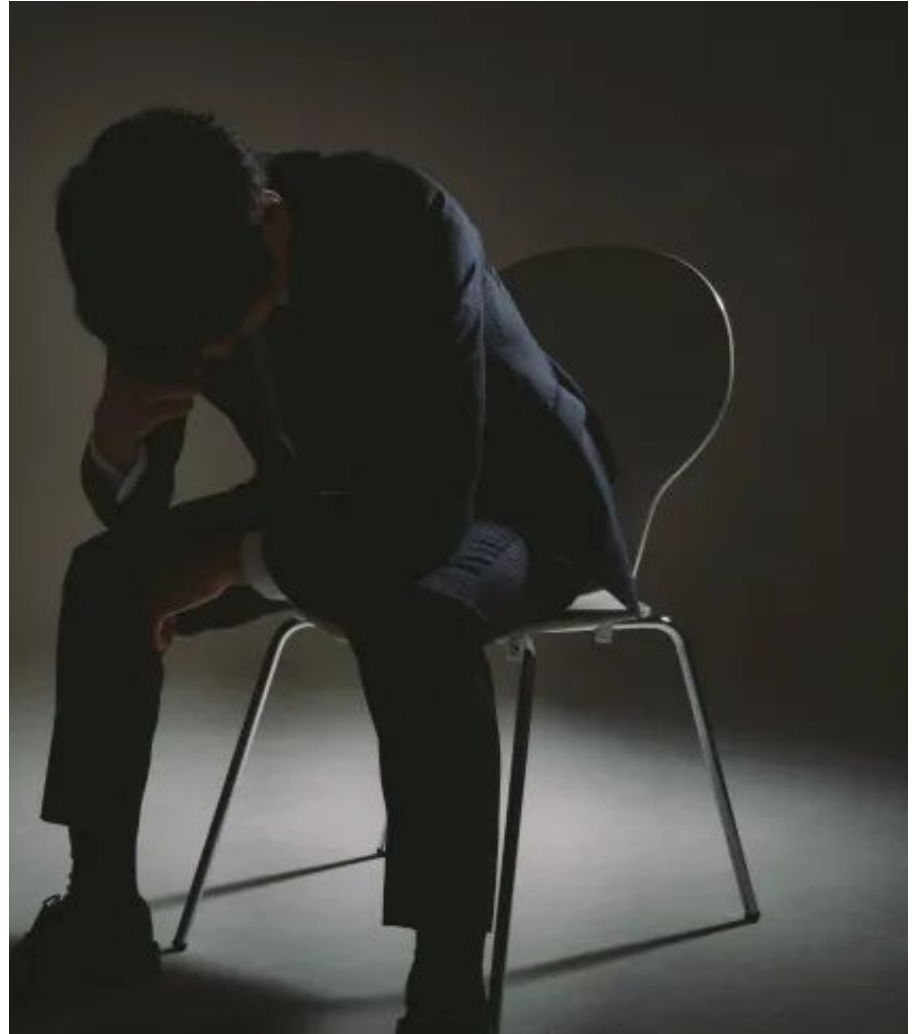
- ◆ By the time the NT canon was developing the Church had already become primarily Gentile, so Paul's influence is reflected in the amount of his writings included.



I Have Great Sorrow
And Unceasing
Anguish In My Heart.

Romans 9-2

Anxiety.
Anguish.
Anger.



Lessons from Paul's Anguish:
"Why are my people so
stubborn?"
(Rom 10)

Romans 10:21
But to Israel he says:
"All day long I have
stretched out My hands,
to disobedient and
contrary people."

Quote from Isa 65:2a



Isa 65:2 (NIV)

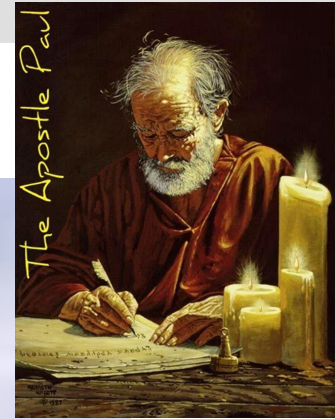
All day long I have held out my hands to an *obstinate [sō·w·rêr] (stubborn & rebellious)* people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—

Phillipians 3:4-6

Philippians 3:4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

Philippians 3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

Philippians 3:6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.



1 Cor 10: Learn from Israel's History

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, *that our ancestors* were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea

6. *Now these things occurred as examples* to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did

11 *These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us*, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

Rom 10:1-4

1 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.

3 Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

The “3 Rejections” in Israel’s Stubbornness

1

*Reject God’s
Self-revelation
for own
religious ideals*

2

*Reject God’s
Law for own
standards of
righteousness*

3

*Reject God’s
Coming in
Jesus for own
political
messiah-king*

Rejection 1

For I Can Testify About
Them That They Are
Zealous For God, But
Their Zeal Is Not Based
On Knowledge.

Romans 10-2

zeal: noun

definition: fervor for a person, cause, or object; eager desire or endeavor; enthusiastic diligence; ardor.

**ZEAL WITHOUT
KNOWLEDGE IS
FIRE WITHOUT LIGHT.**

- Thomas Fuller

**ZEAL WITHOUT
KNOWLEDGE IS LIKE
EXPEDITION TO A MAN IN
THE DARK**

JOHN NEWTON

Rejection 2

Since They Did Not Know
The Righteousness That
Comes From God And
Sought To Establish Their

Own, They Did Not Submit

To God's Righteousness.

Romans 10-3

MARK 7:11-13

But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition.

Matthew 5:43-44

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44. "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

New King James Version

But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient *and contrary people.*"

Berean Literal Bible

But as for Israel he says: "All the day I have stretched out My hands to a disobeying and *contradicting people*

The Contrarian

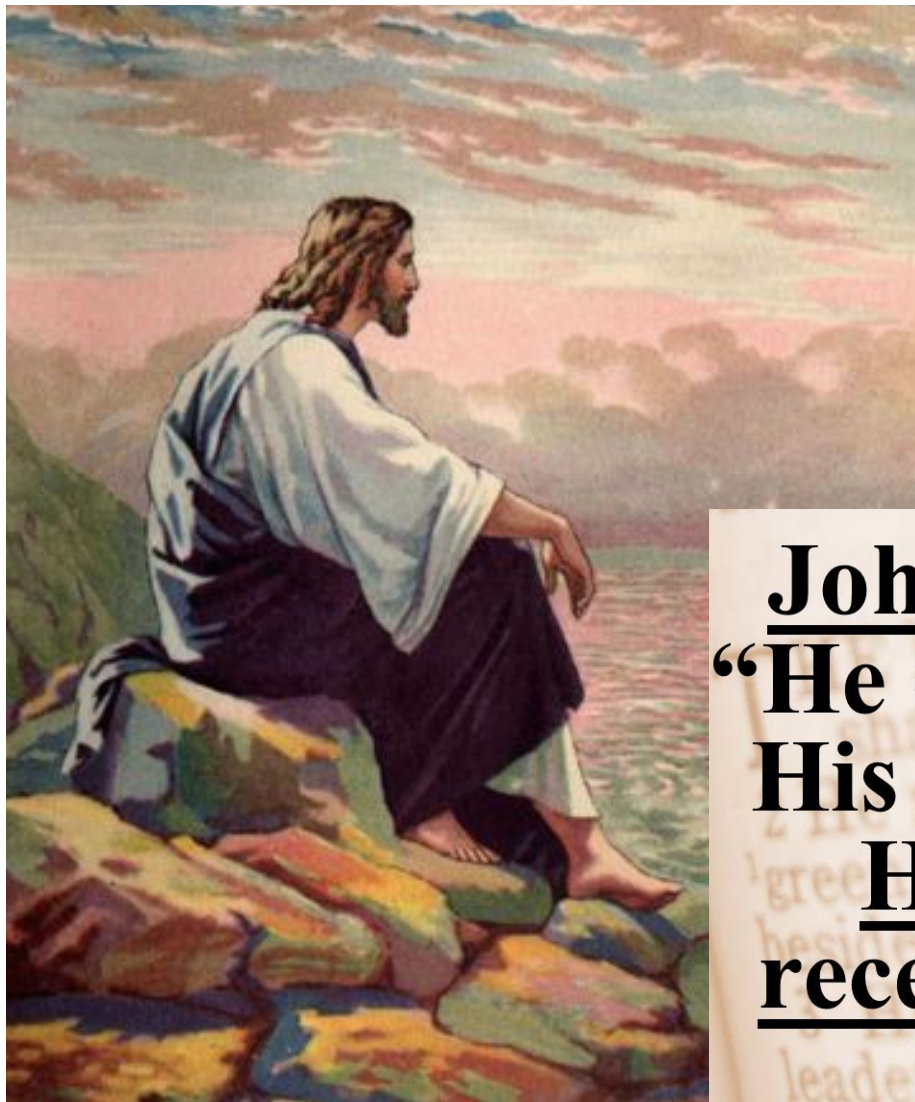
This person always finds a way to contradict what you say. No matter what you do, you're wrong and they know best. They'll even make things up just to sound like they know what they're talking about. Unwilling to compromise or collaborate because they think everything should be their way. Impossible to agree on things and get work done.



Rejection 3

Christ Is The End Of The
Law So That There May
Be Righteousness For
Everyone Who Believes.

Romans 10-4



**John 1:11 –
“He came unto
His own, and
His own
received him
not.”**

**"The word is near you, in your mouth
and in your heart," that is, the word of
the faith which we proclaim.**

Rom. 10:8

Romans 10:12

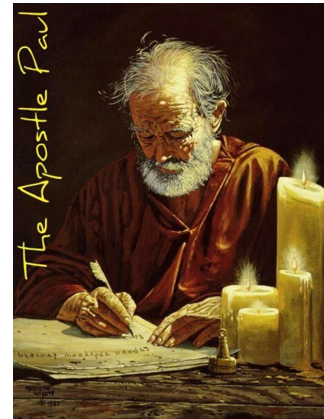
*For there is no difference
between Jew and Gentile –
the same Lord is Lord of all
and richly blesses all who
call on him*

Phillipians 3:4-6

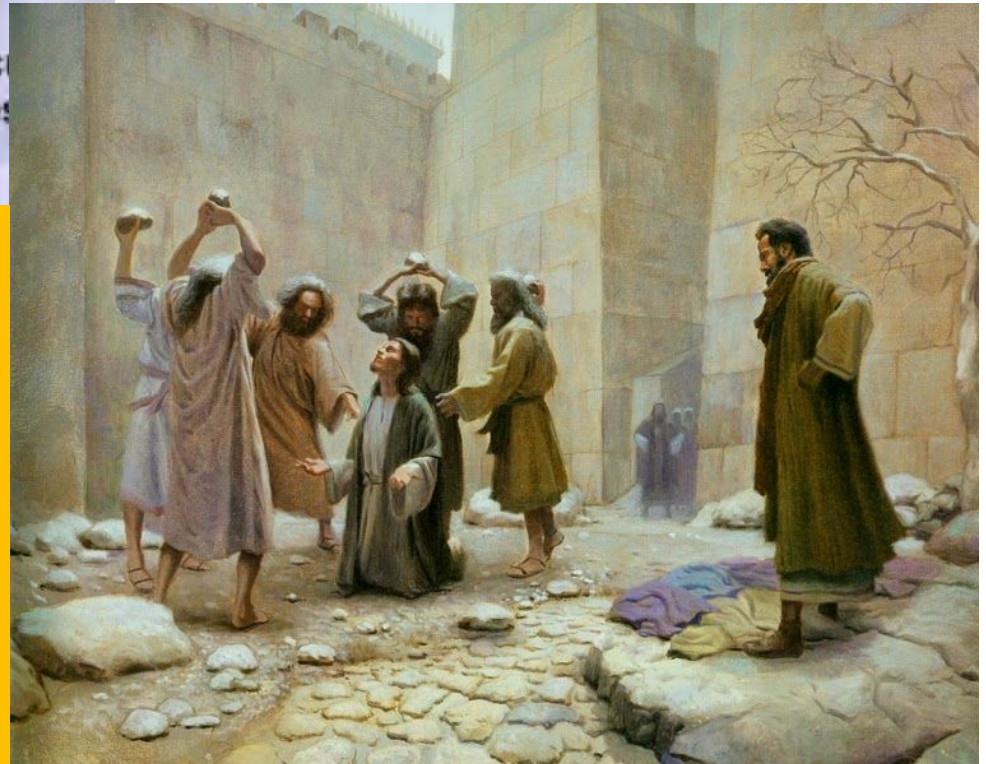
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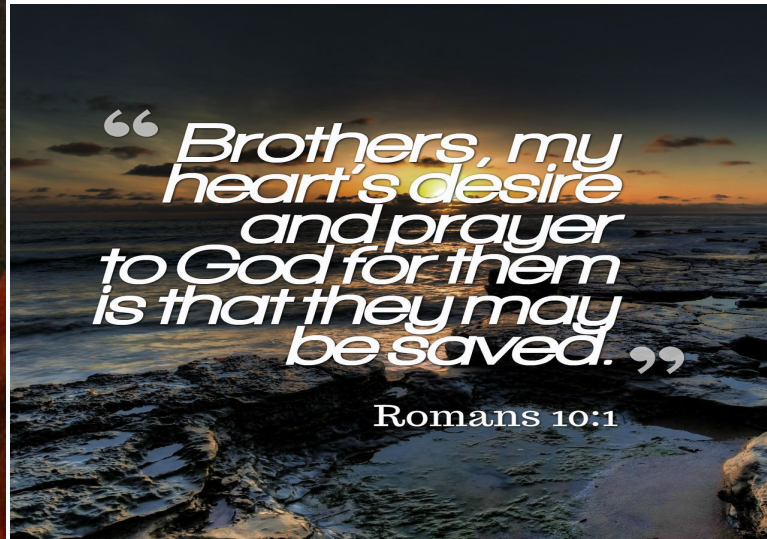
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Paul had experienced stubbornness against God before he met Jesus at Damascus Road





“ Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ”

Romans 10:1



And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it.

Luke 19:41

Conclusion: Hope in Anguish



- Rom 9: 13-18 “God has *mercy* on whom he wants to have mercy”
- Rom 11: 32 “God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have *mercy* on them all”
- Rom 12:1 “Therefore...in view of God’s *mercy*....”