

Romans
God's Heart for People
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Three Categories of People we are to Love

1. Love one another (other Christians—John 13:34-35)
2. Love our neighbor (people in general—Matt. 22:39)
3. Love our enemies (people who don't like us—Matt. 5:44)

A Broken Heart

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Romans 9:3(NASB)

³For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

A Wasted Opportunity

Romans 9:4-5(NASB)

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Romans 9:4-5(TMSG)

⁴I grew up with them. They had everything going for them—family, glory, covenants, revelation, worship, promises, ⁵to say nothing of being the race that produced the Messiah, the Christ, who is God over everything, always. Oh, yes!

8 Things Israel was Privileged to Possess

1. The Adoption as Sons
2. The Divine Glory
3. The Covenants
4. The Receiving of the Law
5. The Temple Worship
6. The Promises
7. Theirs are the Patriarchs
8. The Human Ancestry of Christ

A Personal Application