

December 7 Questions

- 1) Paul lamented the fact that the majority of his own people, the _____, were not saved. However, Israel's lack of faith did not mean that God's Word had failed, because the promise was to the Israel of _____, not _____ Israel (Rom 9:6-7). This meant that _____ descent did not equal participation in the promised blessing of salvation. Was this unjust? By no means! God is free to grant mercy as He chooses, and by granting mercy to _____ (Rom 11:32), God showed that participation in the promised blessing has nothing to do with _____ effort (Rom 9:16). That being said, we are accountable for our sin, for God created us as _____ agents, and we're responsible for our decisions (Rom 9:19-23). God provided access to the promised blessing by _____ in Jesus Christ, not by _____ of the law (Rom 9:32). This is precisely where the Jews went wrong, for they sought to establish their own righteousness through _____ rather than seeking God's righteousness by faith. The law had a righteousness that led to life in the sense that those who kept the law avoided the _____ that was threatened to law-breakers, but it never offered _____ life. Did Israel's unbelief mean that God had rejected His people? By no means! There is even now a _____ of believing Jews who participate in the promised blessing by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The Jews' rejection of Christ meant the _____ of the world to God (Rom 11:15). This implied that the Gentiles should not be _____ of their inclusion in the olive tree of believing Israel, for even though unbelieving branches were _____ off and they were grafted in, they too would be cut off if they did not _____ by faith in God's kindness.