



“I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.” (Romans 9:1-5 - NIV)

**Prayer:** Dear Lord God Almighty, You are always more ready to hear than I am to pray, and to give more than I either desire or deserve. Pour out upon me the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving me those things of which my conscience is afraid, and giving me those good things for which I am not worthy to ask, except through the merits and intercession of Your Son Jesus Christ my Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN



### **Order of Worship – The Common Service Without L.S. – pg. 15**

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- Invocation (Liturgy pg. 15)

Opening Hymn **C.W. 581 / TLH 545**

- Confession of Sins

- Absolution

- Prayer and Praise (pg. 16)

- Prayer of The Day (pg. 17)

**First Lesson** – I Kings 19:9-18 – The Lord Speaks To Elijah

**PSALM OF THE DAY** Psalm 73 (Lit. pg. 94 – Sung in Unison)

**Second Lesson** – Romans 9:1-5 – Paul’s Anguish.

**Gospel Lesson** – Matthew 14:22-33 – Peter – Caught By Jesus

The Apostle’s Creed – (Pg. 19)

Sermon Hymn: **C.W. 2 / TLH 95**

**Sermon Text:** Romans 9:1-5

**Sermon Theme:** Speak the Truth In Christ -Who Is God Over ALL.

"Create in Me" – (pg. 20)

Offering (The plates will not be passed but are at the entrance doors)

Offering Prayer

Prayer of The Church

Lord’s Prayer (Traditional Version)

Hymn **C.W. 399 / TLH 363**

Collect / Prayer (pg. 25)

Benediction

Hymn **C.W. 327 / TLH 48**

Wherever You Are, There Is God’s Mission Field.

SERMON TEXT: Romans 9:1-5

Vs. 1 - I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—

Vs. 2 - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

Vs. 3 - For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race,

Vs. 4 - the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship, and the promises.

Vs. 5 - Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced **the human ancestry of Christ, who is God** over all, forever praised! Amen.

GREETING: Grace and peace to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.” (Rev. 1:4b-5a)

In the spring and early Summer, the Cucumbers in the garden really started to grow. They had large leaves, and vines spreading all over the place with lots of yellow flowers. They looked great! But they only produced a few cucumbers and now those long vines are beginning to dry up.

When we plant crops in our gardens and in our fields, we want them to produce a crop!

The Apostle Paul is writing to the believers in Rome and he is pouring out his heart concerning the Jewish nation. The congregation would have been prominently Gentile believers, but it also could have included Jewish believers.

As The Apostle Paul continues this letter to the believers in Rome, he is pouring out his heart.

[Paul was born a Roman citizen (Acts 22:28), and of the tribe of Benjamin (Rom. 11:1) trained in the Jewish traditions (Acts 22:3).]

**Vs. 2** – “**I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.**”

Why is the Apostle Paul so filled with sorrow and anguish?

The Apostle Paul, as God’s inspired writer, reminds the Roman congregation and all of us that the people of Israel were God’s special chosen people.

**Vs. 4** - the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship, and the promises.

**Vs. 5** - Theirs are the patriarchs, (Abraham – Isaac & Jacob – the family line of Judah and the line of David) and from them is traced **the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all**, forever praised! Amen.

Despite being handpicked by the Lord God Himself, the people of Israel, as a nation, rejected Jesus as the promised Savior of the World. It is true that there are some Jews who are believers in Christ, but many did not believe.

It was because of this rejection of their Savior – Jesus, which lead the Apostle Paul to write:

**Vs. 3 - For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race,**

**Vs. 4a - the people of Israel.**

Paul is basically saying: Lord, if it is possible, “Let me spend eternity in hell, so that the people of Israel who have rejected Jesus will be in heaven!!!”

However, Paul knew, and we know, that there is nothing that he could do to make amends for the sins of the people of Israel and their rejection of the Savior.

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Is there anyone in your life that you know who has rejected the Lord Jesus, and the salvation which Jesus has won?

Does it make your heart ache?

Does it cause you great sorrow and unceasing anguish of heart?

To what extent are you willing to go to win that person back to Christ, back to salvation, instead of damnation?

Would you, are you willing to spend eternity in hell so that your loved one could spend eternity in heaven? Are you up for making a deal with God to the extent that you would say: *“Dear Lord please send me to hell, but let my loved one spend eternity in heaven.”*

Even if we could wish such a thing, together with the Apostle Paul, This is NOT possible!

The Apostle Paul tells us that he himself is a sinful human being. (I Timothy 1:15)  
“Chief of Sinners”

We also know that we are sinful human beings. (Ps 51:5; Romans 3:21-23; Isa. 64:6-7)

Because of Paul’s sinful nature, and because of our sinful nature, Paul could not make payment for his own sin or the sin or another, nor can we make payment for our sin, or the sin of another human being.

But the Blood of Jesus Christ was and is!!!

Why is the Blood of Jesus acceptable as payment for the sin of the World?

Because as this section of Scripture tells us, Jesus is God over All!

**Vs. 5 - Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.**

Jesus, Who is God over all, was forsaken by God the Father.

Jesus Who is God over all did suffer hell on our behalf, and so we do not have to fear hell.

Because of Jesus Who is God Over All, we can look forward to heaven.

By the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross of Calvary, He made full payment (Atonement – I John 2:1-2) for not only the sin of the Apostle Paul but for the sin of the World.

It is this same Jesus, Who is God Over All, Whom we see in the Gospel lesson for today as Jesus was walking on the water, and then Jesus invited Peter to also come out of the boat to walk on the water, but when Peter saw the winds and the waves, Peter had his faith clouded by the fear of the wind and the storm and the waves and Peter began to sink. (Did Peter enter into a moment of damnable unbelief?)

It was then that Jesus, - Who is God Over All - reached out His hand and took hold of the sinking Peter on the Sea of Galilee.

Do not become a Cucumber with long vines and large leaves that dries up and is unproductive.

Do not harden your heart as many of Paul's fellow race.

Rather keep on holding on to Jesus, Who has taken you by the hand, Who has brought you to Faith in Him through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament, even as infants in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Jesus is GOD – Over all People – Over All Creation. Jesus has defeated death and the devil.

And Jesus our risen Savior is coming again to take you and I and all believers to our heavenly home. **AMEN**

**THEME:** Speak The Truth in Christ – Who Is God Over All.