

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

THREE FACES OF GOD

ROMANS 9:1-4, 6-7; 10:1-4, 11-12, 14-15; 11:1-8, 11, 33-36



The Heart of the Matter

Romans 9–11 focuses on a special area of importance: *how the gospel relates to God's chosen people, the Jews*. While Paul's treatment of this subject is both daring and dogmatic, it is—as you would expect with Paul—completely logical. As we begin this section, let's step back and see the whole scene that lies before us, somewhat like we do when we map out a long road trip. It helps to get an overview of where we're going. Our goal in this message is to get a clear perspective as we trace our way from start (Romans 9:1) to finish (11:36) . . . observing “three faces of God” along the way.



Discovering the Way

1. Where We Have Been (Romans 1–8)

In the first eight chapters of Romans, Paul presented a powerful argument that God's righteousness in our lives results from His gift, not our works, for salvation comes by grace through faith.

2. Where We Are Going (Romans 9–11)

In these three chapters, Paul presented his readers with three faces of God: His sovereignty, His justice, and His faithfulness.

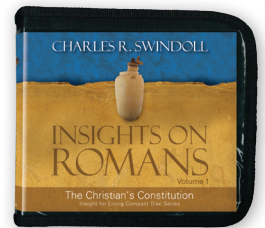


Starting Your Journey

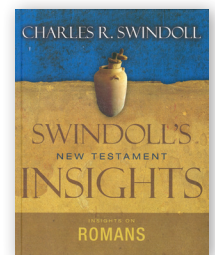
We see relevance in Romans 9–11 because, for believers, the past and the present are not a model for the future. Secondly, these chapters show us that our situations and our struggles are not one-dimensional.



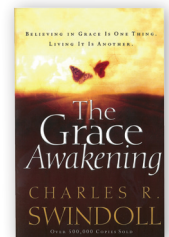
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