

spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba (Father).

**16** For the Spirit himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God.

**17** And if sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God, and joint heirs with Christ: yet so, if we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.

**18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us.

**19** For the expectation of the creature waiteth for the revelation of the sons of God.

**20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him that made it subject, in hope:

**21** Because the creature also itself shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption, into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.

**22** For we know that every creature groaneth and travaileth in pain, even till now.

**23** And not only it, but ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption of the sons of God, the redemption of our body.

**24** For we are saved by hope. But hope that is seen, is not hope. For what a man seeth, why doth he hope for?

**25** But if we hope for that which we see not, we wait for it with patience.

**26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity. For we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit himself asketh for us with unspeakable groanings.

**27** And he that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what the Spirit desireth; because he asketh for the saints according to God.

**28** And we know that to them that love God, all things work together unto good, to such as, according to his purpose, are called to be saints.

**29** For whom he foreknew, he also predestinated to be made conformable to the image of his Son; that he might be the firstborn amongst many brethren.

**30** And whom he predestinated, them he also called. And whom he called, them he also justified. And whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who is against us?

**32** He that spared not even his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how hath he not also, with him, given us all things?

**33** Who shall accuse against the elect of God? God that justifieth.

**34** Who is he that shall condemn? Christ Jesus that died, yea that is risen also again; who is at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

**35** Who then shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation? or distress? or famine? or nakedness? or danger? or persecution? or the sword?

**36** (As it is written: For thy sake we are put to death all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.)

**37** But in all these things we overcome, because of him that hath loved us.

**38** For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor might,

**39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Chapter 9

I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost:

**2** That I have great sadness, and continual sorrow in my heart.

**3** For I wished myself to be an anathema from Christ, for my brethren, who are my kinsmen according to the flesh,

**4** Who are Israelites, to whom belongeth the adoption as of children, and the glory, and the testament, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises:

**5** Whose are the fathers, and of whom is Christ, according to the flesh, who is over all things, God blessed for ever. Amen.

**6** Not as though the word of God hath miscarried. For all are not Israelites that are of Israel:

**7** Neither are all they that are the seed of Abraham, children; but in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

**8** That is to say, not they that are the children of the flesh, are the children of God; but they, that are the children of the promise, are accounted for the seed.

**9** For this is the word of promise: According to this time will I come; and Sara shall have a son.

**10** And not only she. But when Rebecca also had conceived at once, of Isaac our father.

**11** For when the children were not yet born, nor had done any good or evil (that the purpose of God, according to election, might stand,)

**12** Not of works, but of him that calleth, it was said to her: The elder shall serve the younger.

**13** As it is written: Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.

**14** What shall we say then? Is there injustice with God? God forbid.

**15** For he saith to Moses: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy; and I will shew mercy to whom I will shew mercy.

**16** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth

mercy.

**17** For the scripture saith to Pharaoh: To this purpose have I raised thee, that I may shew my power in thee, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

**18** Therefore he hath mercy on whom he will; and whom he will, he hardeneth.

**19** Thou wilt say therefore to me: Why doth he then find fault? for who resisteth his will?

**20** O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it: Why hast thou made me thus?

**21** Or hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump, to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

**22** What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath, fitted for destruction,

**23** That he might shew the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he hath prepared unto glory?

**24** Even us, whom also he hath called, nor only of the Jews, but also of the Gentiles.

**25** As in Osee he saith: I will call that which was not my people, my people; and her that was not beloved, beloved; and her that had not obtained mercy, one that hath obtained mercy.

**26** And it shall be, in the place where it was said unto them, You are not my people; there they shall be called the sons of the living God.

**27** And Isaias crieth out concerning Israel: If the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.

**28** For he shall finish his word, and cut it short in justice; because a short word shall the Lord make upon the earth.

**29** And as Isaias foretold: Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been made as Sodom, and we had been like unto Gomorrha.

**30** What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who followed not after justice, have attained to justice, even the justice that is of faith.

**31** But Israel, by following after the law of justice, is not come unto the law of justice.

**32** Why so? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were of works. For they stumbled at the stumblingstone.

**33** As it is written: Behold I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and a rock of scandal; and whosoever believeth in him shall not be confounded.

## Chapter 10

Brethren, the will of my heart, indeed, and my prayer to God, is for them unto salvation.

**2** For I bear them witness, that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

**3** For they, not knowing the justice of God, and seeking to establish their own, have not submitted themselves to the justice of God.

**4** For the end of the law is Christ, unto justice to every one that believeth.

**5** For Moses wrote, that the justice which is of the law, the man that shall do it, shall live by it.

**6** But the justice which is of faith, speaketh thus: Say not in thy heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? that is, to bring Christ down;

**7** Or who shall descend into the deep? that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.

**8** But what saith the scripture? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart. This is the word of faith, which we preach.

**9** For if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thy heart that God hath raised him up from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

**10** For, with the heart, we believe unto justice;

but, with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation.

**11** For the scripture saith: Whosoever believeth in him, shall not be confounded.

**12** For there is no distinction of the Jew and the Greek: for the same is Lord over all, rich unto all that call upon him.

**13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

**14** How then shall they call on him, in whom they have not believed? Or how shall they believe him, of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear, without a preacher?

**15** And how shall they preach unless they be sent, as it is written: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, of them that bring glad tidings of good things!

**16** But all do not obey the gospel. For Isaiah saith: Lord, who hath believed our report?

**17** Faith then cometh by hearing; and hearing by the word of Christ.

**18** But I say: Have they not heard? Yes, verily, their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the whole world.

**19** But I say: Hath not Israel known? First, Moses saith: I will provoke you to jealousy by that which is not a nation; by a foolish nation I will anger you.

**20** But Isaiah is bold, and saith: I was found by them that did not seek me: I appeared openly to them that asked not after me.

**21** But to Israel he saith: All the day long have I spread my hands to a people that believeth not, and contradicteth me.

## Chapter 11

I say then: Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite of the seed of