



## PAUL'S ANGUISH

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Romans 9 is a chapter that often stirs up debate and contention. If we are to avoid being drawn into unnecessary controversy it's important that we understand Paul's reason for writing it.

◆ What is Paul's purpose in chapter 9?

◆ At the beginning of Romans 9 we find Paul in a state of anguish. What is it that he is so upset over (verse 3)?

◆ How does Paul describe the intensity of the anguish he feels (verse 2)?

◆ Why, do you think, does Paul emphasise the sincerity of what he says in these verses so much (verses 1)?

◆ What is the outcome of Paul's anguish (chapter 10 verse 1)?

◆ What practical lessons can you learn from Paul's example in these first three verses of Romans 9?