



## **The Transformed Life** **“God’s Sovereign Grace”**

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**1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.**

**Romans 9:1-3**

### **Paul’s explanation of Israel and God’s Sovereignty:**

- Not all of Israel was true Israel in the Old Testament (v.6-13).
  - “It is about grace, not race.” ~N.T. Wright~
- God hardened Pharaoh's heart to accomplish his purposes (v.14-18).
- How God can be sovereign over all of creation and still hold people accountable for their actions (v. 19-29)

**“Surely if he (God) would not spare or abate to his own son one stroke, one tear, one groan, one sigh, one circumstance of misery, it can never be imagined that he should, after this, deny his people, for whose sake all this was suffered, any mercies, any comforts, any privilege, spiritual or temporal, which is good for them...”**

**~John Flavel~**

### **Reflection Questions:**

- Do you respond to people that do not know Christ the same way as Paul in Romans chapter nine?
- Who is one person that you want to share the Good News of Jesus with this week?