

# GOD HAS NO GRANDCHILDREN

## ROMANS 9:1-13

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: “It is, as N.T. Wright puts it, a matter of ‘grace, not race.’” Douglas J. Moo, Encountering the Book of Romans, p. 134.

**BY DESCENDENTS.** Like our ancient fathers in the faith (beginning with Abraham) it is not observing the Law (or for us) all that is “Christian” that makes us believers. Christ’s followers are those who, by faith, in their hearts, identify themselves with Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection. These are those that are called God’s children. If God does not have your heart, He does not have you. (**Romans 9:1-5, fn 9:1-3, Matthew 7:21-23, fn 7:21-23, Matthew 10:34-39, fn 10:34-39, fn 10:38, Romans 10:9, 10, fn 10:8-12, Hebrews 4:1-3, fn 4:1-3**) *How could your descendants (like the Jews) miss Christ?*

**BUT BY FAITH HE HAS CHILDREN**—children by faith in Christ, the promised seed of Abraham. By the same saving faith as Abraham had, you are justified (declared not guilty) and given the righteousness of Jesus Christ. (**Romans 9:6-9, fn 9:6, Romans 4:13-17, fn 4:16, fn 4:17, Romans 3:28, fn 3:28, Galatians 3:6-9, fn 3:6-9, Hebrews 11:6**) *Why is faith such a big deal in God’s plan of salvation? How does God use your faith to help you grow to be like Him?*

**BY WORKS,** but by His call, God has children. God’s sovereignty in election is not superseded by family. None has salvation by someone else’s faith. God has no grandchildren. (**Romans 9:10-13, fn 9:11, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13, John 15:16, fn 15:16, Romans 8:28, fn 8:28, Ephesians 2:8, 9, fn 2:8, 9, Acts 16:25-34, fn 16:31-34,**) *If God saves us individually, why does the church have large numbers of families and friends?*

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*