

Romans: The High-Helicopter Overview

How Are People Saved? – salvation by faith, not Law, to all (1-3)

Is This Inconsistent? – justification by faith: it's always been this way (4-5)

Why *Must* It Be This Way? – the relation of the believer to Law, sin and death (5-6)

If This is *Right*, Why is it still *Hard*? – the ongoing struggle of the life of faith (7-8)

If This is True, Then What Happens to Israel? (9-11)

Finding Our Own Position – practical living, in view of the gospel (12-15)

Final Greetings – (16)

9-11: Medium Helicopter View: What About Israel?

Implied Question	Paul's Answer	Reference
<i>How should I feel about them?</i>	Sorrow and longing.	(9:1-5)
<i>Has God failed in the Jews?</i>	No, because not all Israel is truly the Israel of God.	
<i>So what happened?</i>	The Gentiles ended up finding faith, while Israel refused the One in whom we have to have faith, and kept trying to keep the Law themselves.	
<i>What should we want for Israel, then?</i>	Salvation.	
<i>Who's going to tell them?</i>	We are.	
<i>Will they listen?</i>	Not at first.	
<i>So has God rejected His foreknown people, Israel?</i>	No, not at all.	
<i>So what's going to happen to Israel?</i>	They'll stumble for a while.	
<i>Why did God let them stumble?</i>	So you and I could be saved. Because they rejected Messiah, we, the Gentiles, got Messiah, and the gospel went out into the whole earth.	
<i>So does that make us automatically better than them?</i>	Nope. Firstly, they are the <i>natural</i> inheritors of Messiah, and we are the <i>non-native</i> . Secondly, God's still going to save faithful Israel as a remnant .	
<i>What do we do, then?</i>	<p>Recognize that, for now, as a result of their in-part hardening, they may be enemies of the gospel; but don't let that stop you from loving them and longing for their blessing – God's going to turn this situation around.</p> <p>You caught a break when Israel rejected its Messiah; but it was only so that salvation would become available to all the nations and to you. Israel's partial and temporary hardening is actually a triumph of God's mercy to all.</p>	

Video: "Romans 9-11 in a nutshell." (crosspaint) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4Jcgzg0U90>