# “Three Hearts”

### Discovering the Righteousness of God—A study in the book of Romans

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# Romans 9:1-5 (HCSB)

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience is testifying to me with the Holy Spirit— **2**that I have intense sorrow and continual anguish in my heart. **3**For I could almost wish to be cursed and cut off from the Messiah for the benefit of my brothers, my own flesh and blood. **4**They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the temple service, and the promises. **5**The ancestors are theirs, and from them, by physical descent, came the Messiah, who is God over all, praised forever. Amen.

**1) Jonah’s Heart**

But Jonah was greatly displeased and became furious. He prayed to the LORD: "Please, LORD, isn't this what I said while I was still in my own country? That's why I fled toward Tarshish in the first place. I knew that You are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to become angry, rich in faithful love, and One who relents from sending disaster. And now, LORD, please take my life from me, for ***it is better for me to die*** than to live.”**(Jonah 4:1-3)**

He sent messengers ahead of Him, and on the way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make preparations for Him. But they did not welcome Him, because He determined to journey to Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, ***"Lord, do You want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"***

**(Luke 9:52-54)**

**2) Paul’s Heart.**

“I speak the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience is testifying to me with the Holy Spirit-- that I have intense sorrow and continual anguish in my heart. For *I could almost wish to be cursed* *and cut off* from the Messiah for the benefit of my brothers, my own flesh and blood.”

(Romans 9:1-3)

So Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a grave sin; they have made a god of gold for themselves. Now if You would only forgive their sin. ***But if not, please erase me from the book You have written.***"

**(Exodus 32:31-32)**

**3) God’s Heart**

For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, *Christ died for the ungodly*. For rarely will someone die for a just person--though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. But God proves His own love for us in that *while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!*

(Romans 5:6-8)

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by ***becoming a curse for us***, because it is written: **Everyone who is hung on a tree is cursed.**

**(Galatians 3:13)**

***God made him who had no sin to be sin for us***, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**(2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV)**

And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lemá sabachtháni?" which is translated, "My God, My God, ***why have You forsaken Me?"***

**(Mark 15:34)**