# “Children of the Promise”

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

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# Romans 9:6-13 (ESV)

     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. 4 They are

Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed      forever. Amen.

     6 But **it is not as though the word of God has failed**. **For not all who are      descended from Israel belong to Israel**, 7 and not all are children of Abraham    because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." (Genesis 21:12) 8 This means that *it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring*. 9 For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." (Genesis 18:10) 10 And not only so, but also when

Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad —in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, "The older will serve the younger." (Genesis 25:3)  13 As it is written, " Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." (Malachi 1:2-3).

1) Not Children of God by birth

2)  Not Children of God by works

# Malachi 1:2-3 (ESV)

**2**“I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob's brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob **3**but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.”

3)  Children of God by promise, election, call