

PRIVILEGES (Romans 9:1-5)

Introduction:

- Define “privilege” – a b_____ that others may not have
- How “privileged” are we, living in the U.S.A.? - the U.S. is the number _____ choice among immigrants
- Romans 9:1-5 outlines some privileges that Israel had
 1. What did they do with their privileges?
 2. What are we doing with our privileges?
 3. What will you do with your privileges?

Learn From Israel’s Mistakes (1-5)

- The apostle Paul anguished over Israel’s condition (1-3)
 1. Verses 1,2 communicate the f_____ of his anguish
 2. Verse 3 communicates the d_____ of his anguish
 - a. He c_____ wish his own damnation for Israel’s salvation
 - b. This wish is im_____
 - c. This is a common literary way in the Greek language of expressing great depth of emotion or determination
- Three privileges that Israel neglected or abused (4,5)
 1. Their a_____ as sons (Deut 7:6; Ex 4:22)
 2. The manifestation of God’s g_____ (Ex 24:16; 34:30; 40:34)
 3. The c_____
 - a. The L_____ - known as the Law of Moses
 - b. The s_____ - the temple system and the system of priests
 - c. The p_____
 - a. Promised l_____ and the promises of the fathers (Gen 15:18; Josh 1:11)
 - b. Promise of the M_____ - He would be a physical descendant of Israel
 - c. Promise of the New Covenant (Jer 31:31)

Three Privileges That We Have

- **Corporate W**_____
 1. What would every Christian in North Korea & China do first if they were immediately transported to America?
 2. Why many Christians in America do not attend church regularly.
 - a. Because of a bad ex_____
 - b. Because it is b_____
 - c. Because it is not important (they can worship on their own)
 3. The scriptural principle to follow (Heb 10:24,25)
 - a. We must not neglect g_____ together
 - b. We must focus on encouraging at least _____ person to love (love God and others un_____ - agape) and do good w_____ (what God wants)

●God's W_____

1. Many Christians outside the U.S. do NOT own a Bible (we promote and support the distribution of free Bibles)
2. 99% of Christians inside the U.S. own Bibles, but many do not treat it as the word of G_____ (2 Tim 3:16)
 - a. Beneficial for teaching truth
 - b. Beneficial for con_____ our sin
 - c. Beneficial for correcting our course
 - d. Beneficial for t_____ us to maturity
 - e. The result - equips us for every good work (2 Tim 3:17)

●Our W_____

1. The U.S. ranks as the _____ wealthiest nation
2. You are wealthier than 75% of the world if you have resources to meet more than your b_____ needs
 - a. Wealth is not a r_____, but a privilege
 - b. How you handle your wealth demonstrates if you are taking this privilege for granted or are abusing it.
3. How should we handle our wealth? (I Tim 6:17-19)
 - a. S_____ our finances to God (v. 17)
 - 1) Verse 10 warns that the l_____ of money is the root of evil (love is the Greek word philia, meaning affection)
 - 2) We must be consumed by God, not money
 - b. Be g_____ with our wealth (v. 18)
 - 1) If you are unwilling to s_____ your possessions, then you should not have it.
 - 2) God gives us all things to e_____ WITH others, not for ourselves.
 - c. Use wealth to store up s_____ riches (v. 19)
 - 1) See also Matt 6:19-21 – we do this by investing in the things of God, to build His k_____
 - a. M_____ (spreading the gospel)
 - b. M_____ (meeting various needs)
 - c. D_____ (grounding people in God's word)
 - d. T_____ (equipping people)
 - 2) Using wealth this way grabs hold of what l_____ is all about (Jn 10:10 – the abundant life) - Note: KJV translates as “eternal” life, but the earliest copies do not have the word “eternal.”
 - d. God promises that if we seek His kingdom f_____, then all our NEEDS will be met (Matt 6:33; Phil 4:19)
 - 1) Use what He s_____ to meet your needs
 - 2) Consider what to s_____ to His work
 - 3) Be ready to s_____ your blessings of abundance with others

Assignment (It will take maturity to complete this assignment):

- Write down one action that you will do to make our gatherings more meaningful –
- Write down one action that you will do based on what you learned from God's word today –
- Write down one action you will do with your finances that demonstrates God's kingdom work as your priority

Listen to God, accept His word, and commit to living His way.