

# The Best News Ever

## *A Heart for People Who Don't Know God*

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*I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 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. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. Romans 9:1-5*

✓ Personal passion for the lost will lead to personal interaction with the lost.

*I have great **sorrow** and unceasing **anguish in my heart**. 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.  
Romans 9:2-3*

✓ Affiliation with the things of God is not the same as salvation through the Gospel.

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- Adoption
- Glory
- Covenant
- Giving of the Law
- Worship
- Promises
- Ancestors

• Jewish Messiah

✓ What you keep by rejecting Christ cannot compare with what you gain by receiving Christ.

### **Adoption**

*Long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) Ephesians 1:5*

### **Glory**

*In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of his glory. Romans 8:17 (NLT)*

### **Covenant**

*This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. Hebrews 10:16 (NLT)*

### **Promises**

*Because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. 2 Peter 1:14 (ESV)*

*Ask, and it will be given to you... Matthew 7:7(ESV)*

### **Ancestors**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge cloud of witnesses to the life of faith. Hebrews 12:1*

## **MY NEXT STEP:**

- Begin a relationship with Jesus today.
- Take 2 “You’re Invited” cards and Invite 2 to Church
- Support the Christmas in July offering this month.
- Sign up for Next Steps on August 14<sup>th</sup>.