

# Shelton Park Church of God

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## ***“A PASSION FOR THE LOST”***

Romans 9:1-3

*“I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:”*

The Apostle Paul is dealing here in this chapter and chapter 10, with the Israelite people and their salvation. As he said in Romans 10:1, ***“my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”*** His entire life was spent to see the salvation of the lives of others. You can’t help but see the passion wherewith he wrote this passage for the lost souls. He puts his own life on the line when he said, ***“I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren.”*** We can truly say that Paul had a passion for the lost.

As I think about his passion for the lost souls, I wonder if we have that same passion. Would we be willing to lay down our lives for a sinner to be saved? Would we be willing to ***“spend and be spent for the gospel?”*** If we can answer these questions with a yes, then this will define our passion for the lost.

Let us note a few things about the need for a “Passion for the Lost.”

Salvation is the greatest need of mankind.

To serve Christ is our highest service and greatest privilege.

One of the most neglected obligations of a Christian is sharing this with the Lost.

Except the lost see the light of Christ in us, they will see it from no other place.

Jesus said in John 20:21, *“As my Father hat sent me, even so send I you.”*

Jude 22 says, ***“And of some having compassion, making a difference.”*** Let us have the spirit of Christ that reaches out to the lost at any cost!

Enjoying Christ’s Service,

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