1. Paul felt his great sorrow and unceasing anguish for the unsaved people of Israel in the Spirit. Thus, the Holy Spirit testifies as God that He also mourns the loss of the unsaved. Paul mourns their loss so deeply that if it were possible, he would give up his salvation so that they could be saved.
2. God grieves the evil of humankind so profoundly that He expresses regret in His heart about allowing humanity to fall so far into sin.
3. Even though Scripture teaches that God desires to show His wrath because His wrath is part of His Holy character, Scripture also teaches that God does not take pleasure in seeing people experience eternal damnation.
4. Even though Jesus knew that it was His Father’s will that many in Israel would not come to know Him, He still experienced sadness that so many who been created to worship Him would instead face condemnation.
5. There is a coming day when all those who reject Jesus Christ will face His judgment in Hell for all eternity. Yet God has shown His perfect love for even His enemies in this time of mercy towards their sins.
6. Not only does God show great mercy to His enemies even as they rebel against them, but He also desires to see their repentance and commands them to repent, even if they cannot repent because of their slavery to sin.
7. God the Father may desire on one level to see all people repent, but every single person that He intends to save He gives to His Son so that every last one of them is guaranteed to ultimately be saved. God does not have mercy on everyone by saving them, and many people will face judgment in Hell.
8. One of Jesus’ purposes in becoming a man was to call His people to salvation. Although some who heard the Father’s command to repent would be saved, many have rejected the Father’s command to believe in Jesus.
9. God gave Israel every possible blessing, yet most Jews have failed to accept their Messiah, Jesus Christ, by repenting of their sins and trusting in Him for their redemption.

Application

1. Rejoice over even one sinner who repents!
2. Mourn with Paul over those who will not repent.