

The Tragedy of Wasted Privilege

Romans 9:1-5

Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said,
“It was necessary that the word of God be
spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and
judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life,
behold, *we are turning to the Gentiles.*”

Acts 13:46

“Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God *has been sent to the Gentiles*; they will also listen.”

Acts 28:28

The Problem

Israel's failure to embrace the Gospel calls into question the value of the privileges and promises God has given them.

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Acts 21:28

Acts 24:5

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