

► **What gives us the idea that we should be able explain everything, or give an answer for everything that God does?**

- (1 Peter 3:15 ESV) But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense [give an answer] to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,
- (Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- (Romans 11:33 ESV) Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**The Squandered Blessings of Israel (Romans 9:4-5):**

- ↳ **4 They are Israelites, and to them belong ...**  
the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.
- ↳ **5 To them belong ...**  
the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ

**Who is in “the chair”?**



“Cathedra”—the Latin word for chair—was the symbol of the teacher in the ancient world. We still refer metaphorically to “the chair” as the office of a university professor. The Latin phrase “ex cathedra” is literally “from the chair.”

**Big Question #1:** Should we ever speak “ex cathedra”?

**Big Question #2:** Do we ever speak “ex cathedra”?

**MISCONCEPTION #1:** Rich, traditional, biblical heritage means salvation.

**MISCONCEPTION #2:** I don't understand so the word of God has failed.

**MISCONCEPTION #3:** God is unjust or unfair or unrighteous or all of the above.

**OVERVIEW OF CHAPTERS 9-11 ...**

- Paul anguishes over the spiritual state of the Jews.
- They misunderstood the spiritual blessings.
- They chose law over faith
- They did not understand and/or accept the offer of the promise.
- They pursued righteousness based on works.
- They sought to establish their own righteousness.
- They did not accept the word of faith for salvation.
- They missed God's message of glory in the heavens.
- They did not accept God's way of grace.
- Per the gospel they were enemies, but per election they were beloved.

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Truth	I speak	in	Christ.