

**AUGUST 2, 2026 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SECOND READING BY BARB DYSON**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS**

I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit--  
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 own  
brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood.

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 them,  
according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

**Romans 9:1-5**

**Word of God    Word of Life**