

**His Own Received Him Not
Israel’s Rejection Explained
Romans 10:11-21**

Context: Two peoples, two results, two approaches (9:30-10:10)

Gentiles
Have attained to righteousness
Sought righteousness by faith

Israel
Have not attained to righteousness
Sought righteousness by works of the law

Begs the question: How can this be?

One people, one approach, one Lord, one result (11-13)

- One people
 Emphasis on “whoever”
 Described as believing ones
 Granted a promise to enjoy
- One Lord
 Sovereign over all
 Rich toward all those who call upon Him
 Granted a promise to enjoy

The answer, part one: There is no distinction, righteousness comes to all the same way.

One message, one transmission, one response, and one failure (14-17)

- Syllogism of four rhetorical questions:

How then shall they call if they have not believed? *They can't*

And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? *They can't*

And how shall they hear without one preaching? *They can't*

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? *They can't*

- The bottom line is to believe the gospel message that reaches your ears.
- Thus, the one failure is to choose not to believe the gospel message you have heard.

Conclusion: So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.

The answer, part two: Failure to attain righteousness is a failure to believe the gospel.

Two objections, two peoples, two responses, one gracious Lord (18-21)

- But are you sure they all heard? *They have*
- But are you sure Israel really knows? *They do*

Moses says Israel heard and was provoked to jealousy and anger.

Isaiah boldly says the Lord was found by the Gentiles (so we know they heard).

God says to Israel He patiently (thus graciously) waits for them despite their obstinance.

Israels rejection summarized:

They stubbornly persist trying to establish their own law-based righteousness and remain willfully ignorant of the righteousness that is freely given via faith in Jesus. They have heard, yet not heeded, the same message the Gentiles have received. Instead, they have dug in and remain a stubborn, Christ rejecting people. Meanwhile, God patiently waits...