

Whosoever will call on His name!

Romans 10:1 **Brethren**, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, **that they might be saved.** 2 **For** I bear them record that they have a **zeal of God**, but **not according to knowledge.** 3 **For** they being **ignorant of God's righteousness**, and going about to **establish their own righteousness**, **have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.** 4 **For** Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. 5 **For** Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which **doeth those things** shall live by them. 6 **But** the righteousness **which is of faith** speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) 7 **Or,**

Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) 8 **But** what saith it? **The word is**

nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 **That if** thou shalt

confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou

shalt be saved. 10 **For** with **the heart man believeth** unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made

unto salvation. 11 **For** the scripture saith, Whosoever

believeth on him **shall not be ashamed**. 12 **For** there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same

Lord over all is **rich unto all that call upon him**. 13 **For**

whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him **in whom they**

have not believed? and how shall they believe in him **of whom they have not heard?** and how shall they **hear**

without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, **except they be sent?** as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them **that preach** the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 **But** they have not all obeyed the gospel. **For** Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 **So then** faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 **But** I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. 19 **But** I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, **I will provoke you to jealousy** by *them that are* no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. 20 **But** Esaias is very bold, and saith, **I was found of them that sought me not;** I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. 21 **But**

to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a **disobedient and gainsaying people.**

- Remember that the point of this chapter is that Israel has reject the Messiah. They have rejected Jesus
- No doubt that God had chosen to save the Gentiles and begin the work of the church but Israel had also rejected God's plan
- We are seeing a strong presentation of human responsibility
- If anyone should have been ready to receive the Messiah it was Israel
- They had all the promises. They knew the prophecies
- The law had been given to them to bring them to Christ
Galatians 3:24 *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
- But when Jesus came unto His own people they would not receive Him **John 1:11** *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*
- Some where waiting for the Messiah like Simeon and Anna
Luke 2:25-38
- Knowing all of this Israel still rejects the gospel, Jesus, the Messiah.

- The first verses show us why

1. No matter how bad Paul wants Israel saved they will not get saved **10:1 Brethren**, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, **that they might be saved. 10:1 Brethren**, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, **that they might be saved. 9:1** I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, **2** That I have **great heaviness** and **continual sorrow** in my heart. **3** For I could wish that myself were **accursed** from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

a. They have a zeal but not according to knowledge **2 For I** bear them record that they have a **zeal of God**, but **not according to knowledge.**

- i. They pray, give, obey the law
- ii. They are good and moral people
- iii. They keep the ten commandments and more
- iv. They love God but they do not understand Bible truth
- v. They think that they are saved and have no need of salvation because of their goodness

- vi. They really believe that their birth and their behavior are what God is interested in
- vii. They look at their heritage and are sure that things are ok with them

b. They refuse to submit to the righteousness of God ³

For they being **ignorant of God's righteousness,** and going about to **establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

- i. They have missed the whole intent of the law
- ii. They don't realize that the law was to show us just how holy God is and how unholy we are
- iii. They thought that the law was a way to measure themselves and feel good about how well they did compared to others around them
- iv. They were so proud of their own righteousness that they didn't see why they should give up their own goodness
- v. Some people are literally too good to get saved, too good to go to Heaven

- vi. Their concern was to make sure that they looked good in comparison to others, they needed to feel good about themselves
- vii. To simply give up and admit their failure seemed extreme to them
- c. They didn't realize that Christ came to be the completion of the law, the end! The law ends in Christ. The law is the road that leads to Christ 4 **For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**
 - i. Christ did everything the law required and then died as a sinner
 - ii. His purpose in coming was to help the helpless. When you see your weakness He will be your strength. When you figure out you can't He will
 - iii. He takes our sin and failure and puts them on Himself
 - iv. He is the law fulfilled and He can save
 - v. All I have to do is believe that I can't and He can
 - vi. With the coming of Jesus the ministry of the law was over. The law simply points to Jesus

vii. What you could never find in the law or any where else you find in Jesus Christ

d. If you insist on living by the law then you better keep all the law. They do not realize that the law had another purpose. What they thought would be a blessing is really a curse and they ignorantly choose to continue to live

there **5 For** Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which **doeth those things** shall live by them.

i. If you keep the law then you live in them **Leviticus 18:5**
Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord.

1. The problem is that no one ever has but Jesus

2. There would have been no need of the sacrificial system in the Old Testament if it were not for their failure to live up to the law

ii. Actually being under the law was to be under a curse
Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is

every one that continueth not in all

things which are written in the book of the law to do

them. **11** But **that no man is justified by the law in**

the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live

by faith. **12** And **the law is not of faith:** but,

The man that doeth them shall live in them.

iii. With the law it is an either all or nothing **James 2:10**

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

e. You have already been taught in **Romans 3:20** Therefore

by the **deeds of the law** there shall no flesh be

justified in his sight: for by the law is the

knowledge of sin.

2. They know the truth regardless of what they say **6 But**

the righteousness **which is of faith** speaketh on this

wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven?

(that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) 7 **Or,** Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

- a. Salvation by faith does not require you to do any super heroic acts
 - i. You do not have to climb into heaven
 - ii. Or go down to the place of the dead
 - iii. Stop acting like salvation is based on any external
 - iv. It never was based on externals.
 - v. God is the God of internals that will affect externals

b. Nothing hard to understand, find, or accept 8 **But** what saith it? **The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;**

- i. The word is in their mouth and heart
- ii. They know what they need to do
- iii. It is simply a matter of believing God
- iv. Getting their eyes off of themselves and onto God who through Jesus Christ has done all to save

c. Salvation is believing and expressing that belief 9

That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the

Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10

For with **the heart man believeth** unto

righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- i. All that was needed was to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord
 - 1. Lord means something like the word sir in English. It is a title of respect
 - 2. It was the title for the Roman emperor
 - 3. It was the name used for the Greek gods
 - 4. It is the normal translation for Jehovah when translated into the Greek New Testament
- ii. We must believe that Jesus died, was buried, and has risen from the grave. He is alive today
- iii. Our faith is expressed in our confession

3. Whosoever can be saved

- a. It doesn't matter who you are. If you believe you will not be embarrassed, disappointed, put to shame. He saves and justifies **11 For** the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him **shall not be ashamed.**
- b. God saves regardless of your ethnicity **12 For** there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is **rich unto all that call upon him.**
- c. Anyone can call on Him and be saved **13 For** **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- d. But for whosoever to get saved they must hear the gospel **14** How then shall **they call** on him **in whom** **they have not believed?** and how shall they believe in him **of whom they have not heard?** and how shall they

hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, **except they**

be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them **that preach** the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

- i. Anyone, whosoever can be saved if they will believe
- ii. But to believe they must hear
- iii. We must be a missionary sending church
- iv. The real point of this message is that Israel has no excuse. They have heard. They simply refuse to believe
- e. Hearing was not the problem for Israel. They simply did not want to obey what God calls for in the gospel. To give

up their righteousness and accept His¹⁶ **But** they

have not all obeyed the gospel. **For** Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

f. They had the Word. They knew what to do but they

refused **17 So then** *faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

g. All of Israel has heard **18 But** *I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.*

4. God used Israel's rejection as a way to bring in the church

19 But *I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, **I will provoke you to jealousy** by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.*

a. Israel knew the truth. They simply loved the law more than the Law Giver

b. They loved their morality more than the truth

c. God makes a move to get their attention by using the church to provoke them to jealousy

d. God saved a people that weren't looking for Him **20**

But *Esaias is very bold, and saith, **I was found of***

them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

e. Israel time and time again had refused to believe and

obey **21 But** to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a **disobedient and gainsaying people.**

- Israel knew the truth but refused to obey, refused to believe and that is why they aren't saved. The same applies to you
- Israel wanted to blame their not being saved on God just like you do. But it is not God but you who refuse to believe, who refuses to obey. You know the truth. You know what you are to do. You simply do not want to do it!
- Stop trying to hold on to your goodness and proving how you are worthy of God's love. Admit your sinfulness. Accept the fact that you will never measure up
- Quit making excuses for not believing. Quit acting like it is because it is so hard. You don't have to climb to heaven or hell, just believe God
- Today is the day of salvation. Today is the day for you to act on what you already know!