

Romans 10:11-21

**Intro:**

XXXIX. Israel's Failure - Pt 3: Ignorance of the Parameters of Salvation and the Predictions of Scripture

A. The Parameters of Salvation - vs 11-18

1. The Jews rejected that God's grace extended to the Gentiles
  - a. They were God's chosen people, therefore they were the only saved people
    - b. willingly ignorant - Ex 19:6; Is 42:6-7; Ac 13:46-47
2. For the Scripture says, -
  - a. "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." - Isa 28:16; Jer 17:17
    - i. God has always been calling Gentiles - "Whoever;" by faith - "believes"
      - gospel, to everyone who believes - Ro 1:16
      - "If any man" - 2 Co 5:17
    - ii. the prophets witness to righteousness by faith - Ro 3:21-22
  - b. will not be put to shame.
    - i. both OT and NT teach salvation by faith
      - barrier for salvation is not racial or cultural - Joanh
      - personal rejection of the God who offers it - 2 Th 2:10
    - ii. those saved will not be disappointed - Is 64:4; 1 Co 2:9
3. No Respector of Persons
  - a. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek
    - i. pride in ethnic heritage goes out the window w/ God
    - ii. Neither Jew nor Greek... - Gal 3:28-29; Eph 2:11-13
  - b. for the same Lord
    - i. who called Abraham and his descendants to be His chosen people
    - ii. Is Lord over all - Ac 10:36; 15:9; Ro 3:22,29
    - iii. The Gospel is rich to all who call upon Him. - Eph 1:7; 2:4,7
  - c. the condition
    - i. "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." - Joe 2:32; Ac 2:21; 9:14
      - saved - Heb - *yasha* 160 times in OT
      - Gr - *sozo* - over 100 times in the NT, Paul uses 45 times
    - ii. connotes worship, adoration, and praise to God - Ps 79:5-6; 105:1
    - iii. Not just a desperate plea to any deity - Ro 10:9
  - d. further explanation of the universal extent - rhetorical questions - simple logic
    - i. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
    - ii. And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
    - iii. And how shall they hear without a preacher? - Tit 1:3
    - iv. And how shall they preach unless they are sent?
    - v. As it is written:

- "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" - Isa 52:7; Na 1:15
- written in celebration of the deliverance from Babylonian captivity
- looked forward to a future deliverance for all - Isa 52:10

e. from Celebration to Sorrow

i. But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" - Isa 53:1

- obeyed - *hupakouo* - to hear under (as a subordinate), to listen attentively; to heed or conform to a command or authority, hearken, be obedient to, obey. - 2 Th 1:7-8; 2:10-12; Heb 5:9

- Isaiah's report is Paul's glad tidings (*euaggelizo*) - the Gospel (*euaggelion*)

ii. Those not believing are already under condemnation - Jo 3:18, 36

4. The Summary of vs 1-16

a. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. - Ro 3:3; He 4:2

i. not by intuition, mystical experience, meditation, speculation, etc.

ii. but by hearing and believing the word of God

b. Evangelism's Purpose

i. not human persuasion and clever devices for manipulative results

ii. Faithfully proclaim the gospel so that the Holy Spirit can convict those who will hear and accept the word of God

5. More rhetorical questions

a. But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed:

b. Paul Quotes the LXX of David's Ps 19:4

c. David understood the universal parameters of God's offer of salvation

ii. "Their sound has gone out to **all the earth**,

iii. And their words to **the ends of the world.**"

B. The Predictions of Scripture - vs 19-21

1. The Basis of Israel's Ignorance - not based on a lack of truth - did Israel not know?

a. God's call of Abraham, be a blessing to the whole earth - Ge 12:3

b. a kingdom of priests and a holy nation - Ex 19:5-6

2. Paul Showing that Scripture teaches the universality of the offer of Salvation

a. Quoting the Pentateuch - "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." - De 32:21; Ro 11:11

b. Quoting Isaiah - "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." - Isa 65:1; Ro 9:30

c. Continuing with Isaiah - "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people." - Isa 65:2

i. disobedient - *apeitheo* - to disbelieve (wilfully and perversely):--not believe, disobedient, obey not, unbelieving.

ii. Lit - to Contradict