

The Book of Romans

Chapter Ten - The Need of Israel

I. Lesson Intro - Greatest Book in the New Testament for the Christian

This one Book in your Bible condenses down into 16 chapters the greatest themes of all humanity - the themes of sin, judgment, justification, sanctification, victory, eternal security, and service!

II. Book Review So Far - *There are Six Sections to Romans*

A. SECTION ONE - **Dealing With Sin** - Chapters 1 & 2

Chapter 1. **The Righteousness and Wrath of God** - Describes the condition of the human heart in very vivid terms - as depraved (ruined utterly in character or quality)!

Chapter 2. **The Sin of Self-Righteousness** - There are so many people who look at the list and find some way of excusing THEMSELVES, and looking down at OTHERS - "civilised" vs "heathen" and the lower classes

B. SECTION TWO - **Our Great Salvation** - Chapters 3-5 (*Justification*)

Chapter 3. The fact of There Being No Difference - No Excuses

Chapter 4. How To Become Strong in Faith

Chapter 5. The Benefits of Salvation

C. SECTION THREE - **The Christians' Sanctification** - Chapters 6-7

D. SECTION FOUR - **The Believer's Security in Christ** - Chapter 8

E. We now come to SECTION FIVE of the Book of Romans - The **Special Place** that Israel has in God's overall plan. This section explains a lot of the background to the history in the Middle East, and help us Gentiles understand the level of God's commitment to us!

1. **The Special Place of the Jews in Paul's Heart** (9:1-3)

2. **The Special Place of the Jews in God's Plan** (9:4-18) We looked at Foreknowledge and election and predestination - it is not effective without a person CHOOSING by faith to believe God!

3. **The Opportunity that is Open to all people everywhere**

a. The ungodly Gentiles have obtained righteousness- by FAITH

1) Faith is not blind, but surrendered to God's way of doing things - to live by faith is to follow God's word - all of it!

2) The Gentiles found salvation because they accepted God's way - the way of the Lamb for the lost!

b. The "godly" Jews missed righteousness - because they sought it by good works, and not by faith - they rejected God's way!

c. Salvation is in the **stone** - Jesus Christ (Mt 16:18), not Peter!

III. Focus Verse: Romans 10:3

IV. Study Outline of Romans Chapter Ten - The Need of the Jews

A. Christians Need to Get _____ About the Lost (10:1)

1. About the souls of people who do not know Christ (Mt 7:13,14).

a. If anyone should have been ok with God, it should have been the Jews - but they were not. Jesus came to save the lost (Mt 9:11-13), not to commend the Jews.

b. The need of this world is for Bible-believing Christians to CARE about those who live and die in darkness

c. The apostle Paul was giving his entire life since his salvation to the getting out the Good News that Jesus Saves! All because he was burdened about them

2. Burdened to have a "desire" not for possessions and pleasure, but for the salvation of sinners - before **they** burn in a devil's hell!

a. This thing called "soul-winning" is not a job or "duty" but a _____ like a "craving" in the heart of a surrendered Christian

- b. Satan burns-out a Christian's desires on lust and possessions so that there is none for God or the lost! God help us!
3. Burdened enough to faithfully pray and pray for God to use you to see people saved! This is where we must spend our energies at first - getting the boldness and courage to care for souls, like doctors do the body!

B. Christians Need to Become Aware that _____ Damns (10:2-3)

1. Israel had RELIGION, but was not saved (10:1)
 - a. Even though they had the Bible
 - b. Even though they had prophets come and preach the Bible
 - c. Even though they had the Temple
 - d. They ended up with only man's doctrines and tradition (Mk 7:6-9) because they had rejected God's plain words
 - e. FACT: All peoples have RELIGION - yet are not saved!
2. Israel had ____ (lots of energy), but not according to knowledge (ignorant of what to do with it; 10:2,3)
 - a. Ignorant of what God's righteousness was - the Lamb
 - b. Tried to establish their own righteousness - through good works of the law
 - 1) Look at the religions of the world and see the devotion, and the dedication to their efforts to "appease" their gods
 - 2) People all over the world fear failing - so they work hard
 - c. They have not submitted themselves to God's righteousness - **which is only by faith** (9:30)
 - d. Therefore, ignorance is no excuse - because Jesus came (John 15:22). They can't claim ignorance, since they crucified Jesus
 - e. And as we have seen in Rom 1, the non-Jew (Gentile) is also without excuse - no matter how much religion they may have - Satan has _____ them (made them ignorant; 2 Co 4:4)
3. The Bible-believing Christian works to get people's eyes off of what *they* "DO" and realize they can never DO enough, and therefore need a Saviour! Otherwise, they remain damned!

C. The World Needs to Get the ____ of God - the Truth (10:4-17)

1. The word of God was not only focused on the "Law" (10:4-7) - the doing of righteousness - but on the trusting in the Lamb.
 - a. The Jew thought the Law was the means to the end (heaven), but missed the point of the Law - *the need for the Lamb!*
 - b. The "Law" had three parts:
 - 1) ____ code (right and wrong) How to relate to each other
 - 2) The ____ code - how to make judgments and govern - how to rule people
 - 3) _____ code - how to approach, and relate to God
 - c. God's law is important. It showed us righteousness, and showed us our sinfulness. It prepares the heart for faith. Without the law, faith would be dead since it would have no basis for existence. But faith is made real by its need!
 - d. Christ is "the end of the Law" - He fulfilled ____ requirement of the Law for every person on this planet as far as ceremonial perfection was concerned! When Jesus died on the cross, the Law's *requirements* for perfection ALSO died! This ending of the law was promised throughout the O.T. The very existence of the law showed that it was only temporary.
 - 1) Before God recorded the 10 commandments, and the rest of the Pentateuch, God had already written the Moral code into every heart.
 - 2) The written law was a late-comer: 400 yrs after Abraham
 - 3) The law was to be done away with (Gal 3:23-25)
 - e. If a person wants to go by the Law, they have to do it _____ (not choose which one you want to obey; 10:5). Some religions pick the keeping of the Sabbath; the keeping of just the TEN com-

- mandments; the rituals of ceremonies and prayers, and offerings. But they never desire to do _____ . But God says if you *cannot* do everything, then you are doomed (Jam 2:10) - unless you get a Lamb! Amen!
- f. So, the Law was designed to show our inability to relate to God's perfection - and therefore, that we were doomed (10:5).
2. The good news of Christ is the "word of Faith" not the law (10:8):
- Christ was designed to literally save us from our destiny
 - You can't get up to heaven to get Christ (space programs)
 - You can't go to hell to obtain Him - no new deaths or resurrections (only one, once, for all time; Heb 10:11,12)
 - You only get Christ through the preaching of the truth (10:8)
 - Preaching, soul-winning puts truth at the hearer's level
 - Preaching humbles - makes a person sit and listen
 - Preaching forces a response - calls for an answer!
 - Preaching saves (1Cor 1:21)
3. The good news of Christ is simple (10:9):
- Openly confess the _____ of Jesus - that God had come in flesh to take your place in damnation (1 Tim 3:16). This is where repentance comes in - repent of your goodness and sin
 - Believe in your heart that the resurrection was all the victory you need to save you from your sins. If Jesus conquered sin, and death and the grave, what more could anyone add?
4. The good news is for all (10:9-13) who has a heart and a mouth!
- Because with the _____, we exercise faith, and *obtain* righteousness. The mind guides the heart, but the heart itself must make the final conclusion.
 - Because with the _____, we *show* our righteousness (John 12:42,43) - an open life lived clearly for Christ (10:11). The mouth, and hence, the life is affected by the heart's decision.
 - There is no national, or racial difference spiritually between people (10:12) - God is rich toward any and all sinners
 - The plea is for "*whosoever*" to call upon the name of Jesus!
5. This good news about Jesus must be " _____ " (10:14,15)
- People are born with the general law written in their hearts - not with a knowledge of the Lamb of God. ***They know they are empty - they just don't know the cure!***
 - How the Gospel works:
 - People must believe on Jesus Christ (Mk 16:15,16)
 - To believe on Him, they must _____ **all** about Him
 - To hear about Christ, they need a preacher, soul-winner - not a priest, salesman, doctor, politician, but a _____!
 - For a preacher/soul-winner to take the message, he must be sent. That is just what Jesus did before He ascended - He SENT Christianity into the world (Matt 28:19,20)
 - Sent out preachers to preach the Gospel to hearers who should believe on Christ, and then confess they are saved!
 - God says that the "FEET" of the preacher are beautiful in God's sight (10:15). Why? Because it is with FEET that the Gospel is moved from place to place. Personal contact is infinitely better than radio, TV, bulletin boards, etc.
 - Every Christian in Ireland needs to have the goal of getting the Gospel into all the world
 - By sending someone - maybe yourself
 - Or helping to send someone - regular financial support
 - So, what do we need to be doing right now?
 - Surrender to do what is necessary - get *filled* with Spirit
 - Carry the gospel with you - tracts and leaflets

- 3) Give the Gospel to everyone you can!
 - 4) Learn this Book so you can direct the seekers to Christ!
6. The Gospel is not popular (10:16-18)
- a. The Gospel is two-sided: it convinces people of their sin (negative), and it also offers forgiveness of sin (positive)
 - b. People don't normally want to hear bad news (see the pressure on politicians to always put out some sort of good news; 2 Tim 4:2-4)
 - c. Those who do get saved, will only get saved by FAITH in the Death, burial, and Resurrection of Jesus (1Cor 15:1-4)
 - d. Those who want to obtain faith must go to the word of God (10:17), and take heed to it (take it seriously)! ***The more you hear the word of God, the more open your ears are going to be. And the more your ears are open to preaching and teaching, the more faith you're going to get.*** The issue is that if people want more than what the Bible has to offer (the sure word of God), then they cannot be saved (Luke 16:27-31)
 - e. This is evident by how people reject the message of creation (10:18; Ps 19:1-6). Everybody has heard the creation say "God exists." But they are not interested - as the Jews are not! Did you notice that it said "belived" not get baptized!!!?

D. **The ___ Still Needs to Get the Word of God - the Lamb (10:19-21)**

1. We are back to the focus of chapter's 9-11: that the Jew is in desperate need of hearing about Christ - which is what Paul could never get away from! He always snuck in to synagogue meetings, and hung around with the Jews to witness to them (Act 9:20)!
2. The principle is that Jews reject God all the time, but that does not mean that they should be allowed to just go to hell without any love or warning. So, God calls Moses (10:19; Deut 32:21) and Isaiah (Isa 65:1,2), and YOU AND ME! Let people know that God right this minute is holding out His nail-scarred hands unto a rebellious and wicked people - waiting for them to repent!
3. Every Irish Christian needs to have the goal of getting the Gospel to the Jewish people. How?
 - a. By prayer (Ps 122:6) - surrender to doing what God wants, asking for the abilities to do what God wants!
 - b. By presenting Christ to the Jews we meet
 - c. By supporting someone who can reach them
 - d. By sending someone ourselves
4. Every Irish Christian need to have the goal of getting the Gospel to the whole world. How? Same way as with reaching the Jews!
 - a. By prayer - surrender
 - b. By presenting Christ to all people we meet
 - c. By supporting someone who can reach other countries
 - d. By sending families ourselves

V. **Study Questions**