

ROMANS 10

To us Gentiles today, who have had the gospel for centuries, the thinking of the Jews of Paul's day is hard to comprehend. They had seen their ceremonial law repealed, the abolishing of their priesthood, etc. To them, who had stood so high in God's favor, and had seen the deplorable condition of the Gentile world for ages, it ~~was~~ hard to see how they could be rejected and these despised Gentiles received into God's favor. The purpose of this book is to show that both Jews and Gentiles are on same level with God, both sinners, both need the same gospel.

V 1- In 9:1, Paul expresses great sorrow & unceasing pain of his heart for his countrymen, would be anathema if they could be saved. Here repeats his love, tells what heart's desire is: Might be saved, not in unbelief tho

Some seem to think preachers enjoy proclaiming fact that disobedient will be lost, but true man of God is always desirous of salvation of listeners. Has no business preaching if he does not love souls.

HEART'S DESIRE & PRAYER - Some prayers cold & formal, from teeth outward.

Possible to have desire without prayer & prayer without heart's desire.

V 2- Zeal of God - Had not gone into idolatry. Were devotedly religious (Day of Pentecost)

Passionate ardor in things pertaining to God & religion. Were sincere, but that not sufficient - See John 16:2. Acts 26:9.

2 ex - christ to apostles - Paul tho' he was
"would kill" - mistakenly right

Many suppose that if they are zealous & sincere God must be pleased.

Paul willing to give credit where credit due, but zeal was NOT ACC. TO KNOWLEDGE - Was inexcusable, due to their stubborn refusal to see or hear. See Matt 13:15.

Note: Knowledge without zeal becomes cold, formal, and may be possessed by devils or infidels. Union of two is real religion.

V 3- Ignorance of Jews was voluntary. People in land of Bibles have voluntary ignorance. See John 5:39,40. Luke 13:34. Difference in them & Paul in 1 Tim. 1:13. If he had persecuted Christians, Knowing them to be right, it would have been different. Willingness to hear & change makes the difference.

OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS- of God's plan for making men righteous.

ESTABLISH THEIR OWN- righteousness of their own works, law and traditions of men. Mark 7:7,8.

HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEMSELVES- Confident in their own plan. No obstacle to salvatio so great as self-righteousness of sinner. "I'd be baptized if I thought I was lost."

V 4- END OF LAW- Purpose of ^{the} law is to bring people to Christ. "A tutor to bring us unto Christ." Those who claim to follow law but reject Christ are ignorant of aim & teaching of law.

If Jews had used law right, it would have imparted to them knowledge of sinfulness, & made them desire a Savior, and insured His reception by Jews.

V 5- "Moses Writeth" - Lev. 18:5
To secure justification, obedience to law must be perfect. Gal. 3:10 James 2:10

V 6- Was originally a quotation of Moses, near the end of his life, Deut. 30:11-14. Moses commands were plain, intelligible, easy to understand. Did not require long journeys, deep research, or painful toil. If that true of doctrines of Moses, how much more true of Christ's law.

Faith does not demand a visible demonstration of Christ's coming down from heaven or up from the grave. Seen by chosen witnesses who bore testimony. Hard hearted Jews made demands that Christ be brought down from heaven before they would believe, or brought up from the dead. *Lazarus*

Faith does not set forth the conditions on which they will believe.

V 8- WORD NIGHT THEM - easy to understand. easily obtained.

Facts of gospel so well known thro apostl preaching, said to be in every man's mouth should be subject of meditation of heart.

V 9- CONFESS, BELIEVE * This order is used to show that confession, (external) shld correspond with internal feelings (belief in heart). One needs courage to declare faith to world. Matt. 10:32,33 John 12:42.

V 10- Shows that belief must precede confession. Must begin in heart.
Not just a formal confession, but daily in lives. Our lives are DAILY PROFESSION.
Belief and confession both UNTO righteousness and salvation.

V 11- *Baptized INTO*
"Whoever" believeth - Does it mean living, working active faith, or belief without completing itself? Previous verse "believing UNTO" shows it means belief that leads to obedience.

V 12- JEW AND GREEK- (all Gentiles) Under Greeks for centuries, later cultured Romans spoke Greek language.

RICH UNTO ALL- No multitude can exhaust God's blessing. *as loaves & fishes*

V 13- CALL ON NAME OF LORD- not faith only, formal belief, formal calling. (Matt. 7:21) but committing of self to all God's commands.
important matt 7:21 vs 22 & 23

V 14- Belief comes before, and is separate act from calling on name of Lord.

IN WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD- heard or read, recd God's word in some way. (John 20:31)
"These things written that ye might believe"

V 15- Preachers sent - Shows necessity of him who went forth to preach being sent of God, having credentials from God. Has reference to original sending of gospel preachers, apostles.

Before leaving earth, Christ told apostles he would send Spirit to guide them into all truth.

After his death & res., ^{Rom 1:4} by which he was declared to be son of God, he gave great commission, then ascended to heaven.

On day of Pentecost, while apostles tarried in Jerusalem, they were filled with Holy Spirit, and spoke as spirit gave them utterance. Made known the conditions of remission of sins & entrance into church of God.

Later Lord appeared unto Paul "to make him a minister & a witness" Acts 26:16.

Read Gal. 1:12.

So no one preaches, or is sent, now in the sense that those men went forth to proclaim gospel. Today's men are only teachers of that which had been preached by these men sent of God, endowed with Holy Spirit.

To use this verse to mean that God today uses some supernatural force to "SEND" preachers today, destroys the force of the truth that in that day the apostles were supernaturally endowed & SENT. 2 Tim 2:2

In some sende today, churches send preachers but these original teachers were sent of God

Quotes Isaiah- 52:7 Message so precious, joy so great to those who recd it, that very feet of those who brought it declared to be beautiful.

V 16- In Paul's day, as in time of Isaiah, all who heard did not rec. message.

V 17- HOW DOES FAITH COME? by some miraculous way, something better felt than told? BY HEARING THE WORD OF CHRIST.

The SEED is word of God, develops & grows, then bears fruit.

V 5 14

We see need of preaching (teaching). If God by direct operation of spirit wrought faith in heart, he could dispense with preacher.

V 18- DID THEY NOT HEAR? If faith comes by hearing, the responsibility to some extent rested on those who have the word to proclaim.

DID THEY FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATION? Yes, their sound went out into all the earth, & words to ends of world. HOW? From day of Pentecost, from scattering after persecution.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TODAY?

V 19- DID ISRAEL NOT KNOW? Seems to refer back to Gentiles receiving gospel. Did not Israel know that Gentiles would have gospel preached? If not, it was bec. they had closed eyes & refused to see plain teaching of Jewish scriptures. *Deut 32:21*

Moses first prophesied such: Fulfilled in Acts 13:44-48.

V 20- Isaiah also- Gospel offered to Gentile who never once thought of inquiring after true God, they broke their idols, burned their books, surrendered to Christ, began to walk in newness of life. *Acts 19:18,19*

V 21- ALL DAY LONG- continually, without intermission
STRETCHED FORTH HANDS, entreated.
GAINSAING - speaking against.
NO NEW DOCTRINE WITH PAUL, BUT WAS IN JEWISH WRITINGS THEMSELVES. *Isa 65:2*

Calling on name

7 with Row 10:4

Called on Lord
Saved
Released

Not only
Matt 7:21

Matt 2:16 Incl: Bays

Heard
Preached
Said

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sent forth into every field. Every
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all the earth.

God withholds his favors from those
rebellious individuals who are rebellious
& disobedient. A nation who forgets
God will be punished.

1. Heathen world is in danger without gospel, then as now, sinful, polluted, wretched.
2. Provisions of gospel ample for ALL. Not only confers eternal blessings, but results in better customs, habits, laws here.
3. Command of Jesus remains same: to preach gospel to every creature. Never changed or repealed. Church must do its duty today.
4. If gospel is to preached, men must be sent forth into every field. Every nation should have opportunity to say "how beautiful are feet of them who preach the gospel of peace". Lives must be devoted to this work, which is not unworthy of toils, sweat & tears, self-denial.
5. How happy the day when it may be said that their sound has gone out into all the earth.
6. God withdraws his favors from those nations & individuals who are febellious & disobedient. A nation who forgets God will be punished.