

# Romans

## 10:14-21

Israel's failure  
and our mission

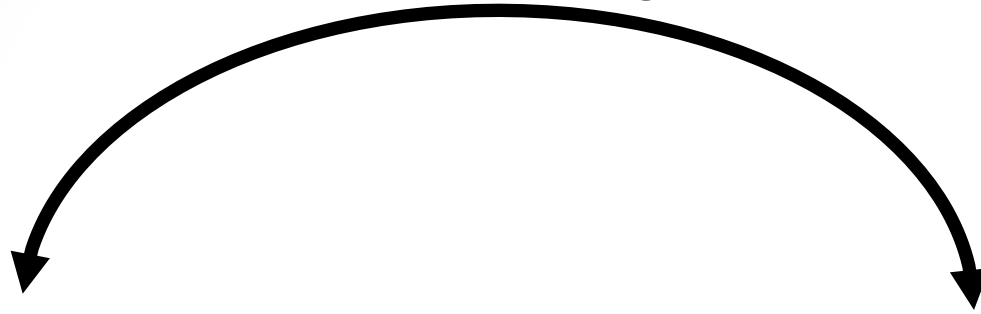
# Review

- Romans 9-11 – Israel and the Gospel
- Romans 9:1-30 – God's integrity
- Romans 9:31-10:21 – Israel's responsibility
- Romans 10:4-13 – Last week –  
Righteousness by faith in Jesus

# Our Questions

## 2. What does it mean?

Timeless theological truth

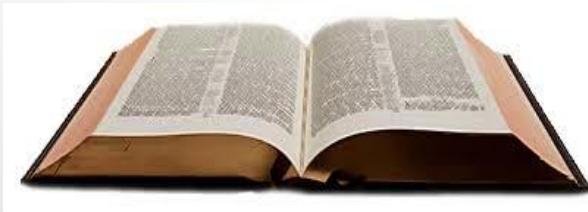


## 1. What does it say?

Authorial intent to the intended audience

## 2. How does it apply?

Application



Time



# Romans 10:13-21

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<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

“Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.”



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**19 But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,**

**“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;**

**with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”**

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**“I have been found by those who did not seek me;**



# Romans 10:13-21

I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

<sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

# Road Map

- The chain of events; Christ → salvation
- Where did Israel go wrong?
- Application for us
  - Not failing at the same place
  - Being sent
  - Beautiful feet

# Romans 10:13-14

<sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him ...

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What is the chain of events that leads to calling on Jesus and results in salvation?

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Paul draws from Isaiah 52:7

# Isaiah 52:7

7 How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good  
news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good  
news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

# Romans 10:16

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## Isaiah 53:1

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

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# Purposes

- To show where in the chain Israel went wrong.
  - To show that obedience to the Gospel message is belief
  - To draw attention to the broader text from which Paul is quoting.
- To make the connection between believing and hearing.

# Where in the chain

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# Belief is Obedience

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## John 6:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

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# Believed What?

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## Isaiah 53:1a & 4-6

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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# Connecting hearing and believing

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# Romans 10:17

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**Paul is saying; “according to Isaiah, hearing and believing are connected”.**

**Paul and Isaiah are correct.**

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**It is Christ's message.**

**It is Christ that sends His "preachers".**

# Romans 10:18

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# Romans 10:19-20

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Deuteronomy 32:21

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Isaiah 65:1 - (52:6)

“Here I am” connection

# Paul's argument

**They can't claim that they didn't have a chance to understand.**

- 1. The message went out to everyone**
- 2. Other nations (fools) understood and responded**
- 3. The law and prophets warned them**

# Romans 10:21

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The problem was not the sending, the preaching, or the hearing & understanding. The problem was the stubborn hearts that wouldn't receive the righteousness of God that He was offering at great cost.

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# Application



**1. Respond to the message**

**2. Know you are sent**

**3. Acquire beautiful feet**

# Respond to the message

Let us not be like so much of Israel.

Lord,

Give us soft hearts in your hands. Let us not cling to our rebellion. Let us not be stubborn in refusing your righteousness. Let us believe with all of the joy and obedience that follows.

# Know you are sent



Is “preaching” for “preachers”?

# 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

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# 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

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# 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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# 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

# Romans 15b

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What does Paul mean by “beautiful feet”?

# Getting Context

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What does Paul mean by “beautiful feet”?

**Their weary and worn state is an image of what it cost them to bring the message to you.**

2 Samuel 26:13-17 – Matthew 3:4

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# Romans 10:6

<sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

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We do not journey and weary ourselves to produce righteousness, but to proclaim it.

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# Application

- Personally respond. Receive Christ's righteousness and the forgiveness of your sins.
- Know that you are sent as ambassadors of Christ, with the message of reconciliation.
- Have beautiful feet. Make sacrifices in the mission that mark your life with the beauty of the mission.

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# The Chain

Jesus sent us



Sent

Preach

To proclaim  
the gospel



So that others may  
hear and understand



Hear

That their hearing  
may produce faith



Believe

And in faith, to  
call upon Jesus  
for salvation



Call

# Questions

- Did anything jump out to you from the text or the message?
- How did you first come to faith in Jesus? How did you hear the message?
  - Maybe you have not put your faith in Jesus. If so, what is in the way?
- If asked about your faith, what would you say?
  - Do you know your story in such a way that you could tell it in five minutes or less? (1 Peter 3:15)
- Is there anyone that you think you need to tell about Jesus?
  - What are you going to do about it?
  - Can the group hold you accountable to your plan?
- For extra credit (in your heart), compare and contrast Romans 8:29-30 with 10:14-15