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Message: Wake Up and Rise

Series: Romans

This is our ninth message in the series Romans: the Life of Faith – the Power of Grace.

As one of Paul’s epistles (or letters), Romans is considered the greatest of all his letters. It’s been called one of the most foundational documents of Christianity.

Introduction

Paul cared so much about his church family – even though he had never met them – he wanted them to know the truth about this new faith journey they were on. It wasn’t the old covenant faith where they had to follow the laws or tradition – it’s new covenant – the new promise with a real relationship with Jesus Christ.

—Pastor Chad

Romans 10 (NLT)

1 Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

2 I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal.

3 For they don’t understand God’s way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God’s way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law.

4 For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

Who is Paul talking about? Verse 1 tells us it’s the Israelites. In its original language, it doesn’t say Israelites – it says “them.” He’s talking about Israel (because that’s who he talked about in chapter 9), but he’s talking about us too!

- We are THEM (v1)

He's talking about us; he's talking about everyone – everywhere! Past, present, and future generations to come! We are them!

- When we come to Jesus, if it's misdirected zeal, it's not REAL (v2)

What Makes it Real

- You surrender to God and choose HIS WAY over your way (v3)
- It can't be about me or Jesus – it's ONLY about Jesus (v4)

Gospel's Hinge

Romans 10 (NLT)

9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

- If you confess, you ADMIT and you PROMISE (v9)
- If you admit, if you believe this way, you WILL BE SAVED (vv9-10)

Wake Up and Rise

Romans 10 (NLT)

13 For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

Verse 15 comes from Isaiah 52:7

Isaiah 52:1-2 (NLT)

1 Wake up, wake up, O Zion! Clothe yourself with strength...

2 Rise from the dust... Remove the chains of slavery from your neck...

7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!

11 Get out! Get out and leave your captivity...

12 ... For the LORD will go ahead of you; yes, the God of Israel will protect you from behind.

15 ... For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about.

Romans 10 has been a chapter where Paul is pouring his heart out - sharing his passion for current and future generations to be saved. He tells us how to be saved in probably the most pointed passage in all of Scripture, Romans 10:9.

—Pastor Chad

Then he shifts the message from saying - you need to be saved - to saying...

- Once you're saved, GO AND TELL

By quoting Isaiah, he's really saying - wake up and rise!

Romans 10 (NLT)

16 But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, "LORD, who has believed our message?"

17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

Romans 10:16 is a quote from Isaiah 53:1 - the chapter over 700 years before the birth of Christ that talks about Him - the verse that says -

- There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him (Isa 53:2)
- He was despised and rejected, we turned our backs on him and looked the other way; He was despised, and we did not care (Isa 53:3)
- Yet it was our weakness he carried, it was our sorrows that weighed him down (Isa 53:4)

- But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins; He was beaten so we could be whole, He was whipped so we could be healed (Isa 53:5)
- God laid on him the sins of us all (Isa 53:6)
- He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, he did not open his mouth (Isa 53:7)
- Unjustly condemned, he was led away; He was struck down for the rebellion of my people (Isa 53:8)
- He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave (Isa 53:9)
- His life was made an offering for sin (Isa 53:10)
- Because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins (Isa 53:11)
- I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels (Isa 53:12)

Don't choose him just to escape death. Don't choose him just to escape hell. Don't choose him just because it's the better of two options. Choose Jesus because you want Him. Choose Jesus because you need Him. Choose Jesus because you love Him! And then tell the world about Him! Show the world Jesus through you - your words - your actions - your life! Church, this morning it's time - wake up and rise!

—Pastor Chad