

1. Intro

- In Romans 1-8, Paul lays out God's plan of salvation and the many blessings given to those that believe the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- In Romans 9-11, Paul addresses the confusion between Jews and Gentiles in the 1st century Church. The Jewish people had over 2,000 years of history with God going back to Abraham, yet the Church was filling up with mostly Gentiles!
- In Romans 9, Paul challenged his Jewish audience in Rome with their false beliefs that they were automatically accepted by God because they were descendants of Abraham and because they tried to keep the Law.
- In chapter 10, Paul:
 - Confronts Jewish listeners saying they have refused God's way of salvation.
 - Spells out God's way of salvation.
 - Declares that every person, Jew or Gentile, who trusts in God's plan of salvation through faith in Jesus will be saved.
 - Ultimately describes God's way of being made right with him like this: "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

2. Text: Romans 10

Romans 10:1-4

- The people of Israel **refused** God's way of being made right with Him; instead, they were clinging to their **own way**, which was by trying to keep the Law.

Romans 10:5-13

- God's way of making people right with Himself is this: "If you openly declare that Jesus is **Lord** and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**." -Romans 10:9
 - Paul said that the Law's way of making people right with God requires that people obey **all** of the Law's commands.
 - A few more verses siting "faith" as God's chosen way of salvation:
 - **Romans 3:22**
 - **Romans 4:3-5**
 - **Galatians 3:21-22**
 - **Ephesians 2:8-9**

- **Philippians 3:9**
- **John 3:16-17**
- **John 6:29**
- **John 11:25-26**

Romans 10:14-15

- Both believers and non-believers in Jesus have a **responsibility**.
 - Responsibility of those who believe in Jesus:
 - **Be sent** to non-believers
 - **Go** to non-believers
 - **Tell** non-believers about Jesus
 - Responsibility of those who do not believe in Jesus:
 - **hear** about Jesus
 - **believe** in Jesus
 - **call on Jesus** to save them

Romans 10:16-21

- Everyone has a choice to accept or reject the Good News. Paul said the people of Israel **heard** the Good News about Christ, **understood** it, but they **rebelled** against it. But when the Gentiles heard the Good News, many believed it and found a relationship with God.

3. Application:

- “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” -Romans 10:9
 - Have you chosen to **trust** God's plan of salvation yet?
 - God not only opens his arms all day to the people of Israel, He opens them all day for you too!
- “Build relationships, spread the Gospel.” - HCC Mission Statement
 - I want God to one day be able to say of our congregation, “How beautiful are the feet of the messengers in HCC. I sent you, you went, and you told others of my Good News.”