

Scripture Reading: **Romans 9:31-10:8** (NKJV)

Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 40

Remember, the Book of Romans is primarily about the *Gospel* though it includes many individual “doctrines and duties” related to the Gospel (wrath of God, Justification, Grace, Righteousness, Sovereignty, Service, Unity...).

Synopsis of Romans: We now move to the THIRD section (of 4), of the Book of Romans:

1. **Chapter 1—4** The Gospel Reveals God’s Righteousness
2. **Chapters 5—8** The Gospel Creates a New Humanity
3. **Chapters 9—11** The Gospel fulfills God’s Promise to Israel (Past, Present, and Future).
4. **Chapters 12—16** The Gospel Unifies the Church

This morning, begin our study of chapter 10:

Now let me introduce you **Romans 10:**

Salvation is the theme of this chapter with a special emphasis on the Jews' failure to receive the Gospel message.

Romans 10 may be divided into five major parts as follows:

- A. **The Prayer for Salvation** (Romans 10:1-3) (**Today**)
- B. **The Person Providing Salvation** (Romans 10:4-8) (**Today**)
- C. **The Possessing of Salvation** (Romans 10:9-13)

D. **The Preachers of Salvation** (Romans 10:14-18)

E. **The Perplexity in Salvation** (Romans 10:19-21)

*Above outline--*Analytical Bible Expositor - Romans*.

Subject: “**The Prayer for and The Person of Salvation**”

Introduction:

This chapter opens the same way the previous chapter did, namely, with Paul praying for the conversion of his own brethren, the Israelites.

Paul had some hard things to say about the Jews' rejection of the Gospel, but he prefaces his remarks with a *passionate prayer* for their conversion.

I. The Prayer for Salvation—10:1-3

1. The Heart of the Prayer (Romans 10:1)

Romans 10:1 (NKJV)

¹Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

The sincerity of this prayer is seen in the words “*heart's desire.*”

It was not an emotionally inspired prayer only; his heart inspired the prayer which means there was great sincerity in his prayer.

2. **The Hope of the Prayer** (Romans 10:2)

"That they might be saved" (Romans 10:2).

That was the Jews' greatest need.

It is the greatest need of anyone who is not saved.

3. **The Hebrews in the Prayer** (Romans 10:3)

As we have already noted, Paul's prayer is specifically for the Jews. He cites some of their great spiritual problems.

- **The dedication of the Hebrews.** "They have a zeal of God" (Romans 10:2).

Zeal is not enough.

- **The dumbness of the Hebrews.**

The Jews, despite their great spiritual advantages, were very ignorant spiritually.

First, the **place** of the dumbness...

Romans 10:3 (NKJV)

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

They were ignorant in the most important matter in life—one's soul salvation.

Second, the **performance** because of the dumbness.

Romans 10:3 (NKJV)

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Ignorant of God's way of salvation, they think they can be saved by their good works, by keeping the law.

Third, the **practice** because of the dumbness. "Have not submitted to the righteousness of God" (Romans 10:3).

Since they are ignorant of God's plan of salvation, they will not submit to it but rebel against it and reject God's way of salvation.

This is the practice not only of most Jews but also of most people and churches in our land today.

II. **The Person Providing Salvation**

Romans 10:4-8

Salvation comes through Jesus Christ. Paul emphasizes that truth to show that the law cannot save but only Christ can.

1. **Christ Concludes the Law** (Romans 10:4)

Romans 10:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

The Gospel is according to Christ not the Law.

- ***The meaning of the end.***

"End" has a twofold meaning.

First, it means finality.

"End" is the termination regarding the law and salvation.

Matthew 27:51 (NKJV)

⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

Now salvation comes through Christ alone.

Second, it means fulfillment.

"End" means Christ is the fulfillment of the demands of the law for righteousness.

His righteousness is sufficient to fulfill every claim of the law.

- ***The multitude for the end.***

"To everyone that believeth."

Salvation through Christ is only for those who believe in Him.

When one believes, the righteousness of Christ is imputed to him ([Romans 4:24](#)) and that righteousness brings acceptance before God.

Romans 4:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

2. Christ Contrasts the Law (Romans 10:5-8)

Christ is not only a different way of salvation than the law but is a sharp contrast to the law.

- ***The action of the law.***

"Moses writes about (describes) the righteousness which is of the law... doeth."

Romans 10:5 (NKJV)

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, *"The man who does those things shall live by them."*

The righteousness that the law gave was from doing not from faith.

It was a righteousness obtained by works, not faith.

The problem in this was that no man can do enough to be righteous before God.

- ***The accomplishment of Christ.***

Romans 10:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, *"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"* (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*)

⁷ or, " *Who will descend into the abyss?* " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

Christ has done all that is necessary to provide for our salvation.

- ***The accessibility of the Gospel of Christ.***

Romans 10:8 (NKJV)

⁸ But what does it say? "*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

The word "*near*" expresses the idea of the accessibility of salvation in both the lack of distance and difficulty.

Closing:

Salvation comes simply by an act of faith anywhere by anyone.

You do not have to go to some temple or other location to be saved.

Salvation is more accessible than anything else.

So, we will stop here for today!

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