Romans

Back to Bible Basics



Justification Righteousness

9-11

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

NOTES: Chapters 9 - 11

- * Chap. 9 = God's Sovereign Purpose
- * Chap. 10 = God's Sovereign Plan
- * Chap. 11 = God's Sovereign People

- (v.1)God's singular sovereign plan = Salvation/redemption of humanity from sin
 - 9:6-8 Not just the Jews by birth
 - Reconciliation with his creation (2 Cor. 5:18-19)
 - (9:3) Paul would do anything to make this happen for his people!

- (v.2) Jews were zealous for God, but not on board for his plan
 - Zeal, heart & passion can be powerful & useful, but when misplaced destructive, foolish & blind!
 - How about the US right now?
 - Israel was passionate about the Law, but not the Law Giver!

"26 JESUS ANSWERED, I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ME, NOT BECAUSE YOU SAW MIRACULOUS SIGNS BUT BECAUSE YOU ATE THE LOAVES AND HAD YOUR FILL. 27 DO NOT WORK FOR FOOD THAT SPOILS, BUT FOR FOOD THAT ENDURES TO ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH THE SON OF MAN WILL GIVE YOU. ON HIM GOD THE FATHER HAS PLACED HIS SEAL OF APPROVAL.",

"28 THEN THEY ASKED HIM, 'WHAT MUST WE DO TO DO THE WORKS GOD REQUIRES?'
29 JESUS ANSWERED, 'THE WORK OF GOD IS THIS: TO BELIEVE IN THE ONE HE HAS SENT.'"

"39 YOU DILIGENTLY STUDY THE SCRIPTURES BECAUSE YOU THINK THAT BY THEM YOU POSSESS ETERNAL LIFE. THESE ARE THE SCRIPTURES THAT TESTIFY ABOUT ME, 40 YET YOU REFUSE TO COME TO ME TO HAVE LIFE."

- 3:21-22 Righteous will live by faith
- (v.3) The Jews actually started adding to the Law here & there which had the appearance of spirituality
 - (Ex. Matt 15) They didn't actually just do the basics, but boy if you broke one of the little extra laws



"24 You BLIND GUIDES! YOU STRAIN OUT A GNAT BUT SWALLOW A CAMEL."

MATTHEW 23:24 NIV84

- They would pick & choose which ones they deemed more important than the others...many times it was laws they made up!
- (v.4) They stumbled over the stumbling stone = Jesus (9:32)

"GOD MADE YOU ALIVE WITH CHRIST. HE FORGAVE US ALL OUR SINS, 14 HAVING CANCELED THE WRITTEN CODE, WITH ITS REGULATIONS, THAT WAS AGAINST US AND THAT STOOD OPPOSED TO US; HE TOOK IT AWAY, NAILING IT TO THE CROSS.

- (v.4) They stumbled over the stumbling stone = Jesus (9:3)
 - Note: Paul says 'everyone' here & in v.13 what's God's heart?
- (v.5) You can certainly try to achieve righteous by the law or your religious works...
 - You better have your T's crossed & I's dotted

10 FOR WHOEVER KEEPS THE WHOLE LAW AND YET STUMBLES AT JUST ONE POINT IS GUILTY OF BREAKING ALL OF IT.

"18 I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH DISAPPEAR, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER, NOT THE LEAST STROKE OF A PEN, WILL BY ANY MEANS DISAPPEAR FROM THE LAW UNTIL EVERYTHING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

- (v.6-8) Paul is quoting Deut. 30:11-14 which gives a better understanding
 - This is not too hard or beyond us -Jesus ascended & descended for us!
 - God's not asking you to die on the cross or pay back something
 - Simply run into the arms of Jesus who died for you!

- His Word is near you, in your hands & in your ears as I am speaking today!
- (v.9-10) All we have to do is confess & believe in our heart...put our faith in Jesus and what he has already done!
 - Put our trust & weight upon the death, resurrection, forgiveness & grace of God for us!

- Why our hearts? It motivates us to do all kinds of things...
- Why confess? Jesus said out of the the heart the mouth speaks
- The change of mind & heart is the most difficult part of life a a believer
- (v.11) There is no shame here actually humility & surrender takes a lot of strength!

- Something no one can take away from you!
- (v.12) All are sinners & all are in need of saving = God wants to richly bless ALL....who call on him
- (v.13) Everyone means "everyone" in the Greek
 - Doesn't mean everyone will do this (see v. 16)

- Why would we need to call on the name of the Lord if people have no free will?
- God's will collides with ours!
- (v.14-21) Key here is that the real Gospel is spoken & heard = includes Jesus, his death & resurrection, sin, repentance, biblical forgivenes, grace & love, hell & heaven

- Notice faith doesn't come from a great marketing scheme or product packaging or political correctness, but by lovingly proclaiming the Word of God!
- Paul is calling all of us to speak up...not just actions, at some point we have to speak!
- The church must send out missionaries!

- People will not always listen or accept...we don't change the message to better suit them!
- The Word, The Word, The Word!

"15 HERE IS A TRUSTWORTHY SAYING THAT DESERVES FULL ACCEPTANCE: CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS-OF WHOM I AM THE WORST. 16 BUT FOR THAT VERY REASON I WAS SHOWN MERCY SO THAT IN ME, THE WORST OF SINNERS, CHRIST JESUS MIGHT DISPLAY HIS UNLIMITED PATIENCE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BELIEVE ON HIM AND RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE."

1 TIMOTHY 1:15-16 NIV84

"19 NEVERTHELESS, GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION STANDS FIRM, SEALED WITH THIS INSCRIPTION: 'THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS, AND, 'EVERYONE WHO CONFESSES THE NAME OF THE LORD MUST TURN AWAY FROM WICKEDNESS."

1 Corinthians

Share God's Sovereign Plan

- You never know who is listening or watching
- The harder a person is, the harder they fall - v.21 look who God held out his hands too!
- Don't wait for someone else or think they can say it better, God has given you voice & something to share just be honest!

Share God's Sovereign Plan

- Time is short for you & the world in general!
- Today is the day of salvation will hear God's voice? Will you respond?
- ♣ God sovereignly planned from the beginning to send his son to save the world not just the Jews, are you making it difficult on people to be saved? How have we complicated it?