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**ROMANS**

# Romans 10:1-21 NIV

Brothers and sisters, my hearts desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them.

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But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or who will descend into the deep? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, " that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord, " and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

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As scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding."

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And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me." But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."

# Romans 10 Is about 3 Things

- The 3 objections from the Jews.
- A condemnation of the Jewish attitude towards religious legalism.
- An outline for God's plan of salvation.

# 3 Objections Paul Addresses

- No messenger

Isaiah 52:7 NIV How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"



# 3 Objections Paul Addresses

- Israel did not obey the good news.

Isaiah 65:1 NIV I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, "Here am I, here am I."

# 3 Objections Paul Addresses

- Israel never had the chance to hear.

Psalm 19:4 NIV Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

# Adam Clarke

“There is not a part of the promised land in which these glad tidings have not been preached; and there is scarcely a place in the Roman Empire in which the doctrine of Christ crucified has not been heard: if, therefore, the Jews have not believed, the fault is entirely their own; as God has amply furnished them with the means of faith of salvation.”

# Condemnation of Legalism

- Paul makes an appeal to abandon the way of legalism and accept the way of grace and mercy.
- Paul admits the Jews have zeal for God.
- It is a misdirected and misapplied zealousness for God.
- They believed in a meticulous obedience to the law.
- The way to God is not through works and legalism, but through faith and trust.

# Condemnation of Legalism

- Christ came to end the flawed system of legalism.
- Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.
- We're no longer in a relationship of creditor/debtor, earner/assessor.
- No longer trying to gain God's favor, simply receive the grace, love, and mercy he freely gives.

# Vic Reasoner

“The point that Paul makes is that salvation does not come through our good works. Ascending to heaven and descending into the realm of death, although a hyperbole, represents the ultimate effort we could go in order to obtain salvation by our own good works. Those who reject Christ must not go up to heaven, get another Messiah, and then raise him from the dead. Joseph Sutcliffe declared, “There is no need of pilgrimages to holy places. Christ is knocking at the door, asking for admission into the heart.”

# Salvation

- Paul pleads with them to stop trying to earn salvation on their own.
- Paul along with God and Jesus hearts cry is for Israel to be saved.
- Our attitude must reflect Jesus' love.
- 94% of all Christians have never lead someone to Christ.

# Salvation

- We must speak the truth of salvation in love and not through scolding.
- Confession by mouth that "Jesus is Lord."
- Salvation is belief plus confession.
- Lord=kurios which has 4 stages of meaning.



# Greg Boyd

“For many Christians today, salvation is understood as a legal transaction, where one gains postmortem fire insurance in exchange for saying a one-time salvation prayer. This is a completely anemic understanding of salvation that has led people to have great belief, without any real change in lifestyle. This has also led people to view their relationship with Christ as a contract, rather than a covenant. If salvation is a legal contract, we naturally want to know all of the fine print and loopholes so that we know exactly how far we can and cannot go before losing our salvation.

# Greg Boyd

Scripture describes a God who is constantly seeking covenant with his people. If we work with a contract mindset, we lose the joy of the covenant. Instead of viewing salvation as merely a legal contract, we are invited to join Jesus in a covenantal union, where his life is poured out for us, and our lives get poured out for him."

# Salvation

- Must believe Jesus is risen from the dead.
- Not simply knowing about him, but to know him
- We should know Christ the martyr but Christ the victor as well!

# RECAP

- The Jews heard the message but didn't believe the message therefore rejected the message.
- The Jews tried to earn salvation through works instead of faith and trust in God.
- The plan of salvation is for everyone who believes including Jews or Gentiles.



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