

## Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome – Part 12 (Winter 54/55)

### Romans 10

#### Paul Explains Where the Jews Went Wrong

- 1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.
- 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.
- 3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.
- 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

#### The Law Described the Life to Be Lived by a Righteous People—But Righteousness Itself Comes by Faith

- 5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. [[Lev 18:5](#)]
- 6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, [[Deut 9:4](#)] 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' [[Deut 30:12](#)] (that is, to bring Christ down),
- 7 or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' [[Deut 30:13](#)] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."
- 8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" [[Deut 30:14](#)] —that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,
- 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
- 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- 11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." [[Isa 28:16](#)]
- 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;
- 13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." [[Joel 2:32](#)]

#### Israel Cannot Plead Ignorance—the Gospel was Proclaimed by the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles

- 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?
- 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" [[Isa 52:7](#)]
- 16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" [[Isa 53:1](#)]
- 17 So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
- 18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;

"THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH,  
AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD." [[Ps 19:4](#)]

- 19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says,

"I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION,  
BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU." [[Deut 32:21](#)]

- 20 And Isaiah is very bold and says,

"I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME,  
I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME." [[Isa 65:1](#)]

21 But as for Israel He says, “ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE.” [\[Isa 65:2\]](#)

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