

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Romans 10

1. Israel failed to see God's way of salvation. (10:1-7)

- a) Christians should share the Gospel with great passion. (9:1-3; 10:1)
- b) Righteousness is not achieved via religious activity. (10:2-3)
- c) People need to know and learn about the true God.
- d) Jesus, not works, is the only way for people to be made righteous. (10:4-7)

2. Paul explains salvation faith. (10:8-10)

- a) The salvation message is available but must be received in faith. (10:8)
- b) To be saved, a person must;
 - confess Jesus as Lord
 - * not a mechanical act but a confession from conviction
 - * recognizes Jesus as Lord of their life and yields to Him
 - believe that God raised Jesus from the dead
 - * acknowledges God's work of power and grace
 - * acknowledges victory achieved solely in Christ
 - recognize a person is made righteous by God through faith

3. Paul shares the wonder of salvation. (10:11-13)

- a) God's salvation is perfect, reliable, and sufficient. (10:11)
- b) The Gospel message is available to Jew and Gentile with both having the same Lord to call upon for salvation. (vv.12-13)
 - God is the same God for both groups of people.

- His grace is offered to all who turn to Him as the only solution and acknowledge Him as Lord.

4. The message of salvation must be proclaimed for people to come to know Christ. (10:14-17)

a) God's message of salvation is delivered through people and the preaching of the Word.

-> Israel was ignorant of faith, of Christ and His provision. They missed it and so do many today.

-> We must share the message of the Gospel. When sharing, the Gospel must be Christ centered and Biblically based. After sharing, we trust God for the outcome.

5. Israel misunderstood and rejected faith, Christ, and the grace of God. Many do the same today. (vv. 16-21)

a) Prophets and God's revelation of Himself were given to them but they rejected. (Is. 53:1; Ps. 19:4; Rom. 1:18-20; Deut. 32:21; Matt. 23:37)

* Shows us the mystery of sovereignty and human responsibility.

* Self righteousness and prejudice hinders people from seeing truth.

- God extended His message of grace to the Gentile. This was not a surprise to God. He prophesied of this extension of grace in writings by Moses and Isaiah, in the parable of the vineyard owner by Jesus, and in Solomon's temple dedication prayer in 1 Kings 8.