

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 10/17-18/2022 *Romans Chapter 10!*

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OPENING PRAYER

Theme of the Book of Romans: “Righteousness by Faith” – 1:16-17

***Romans Chapter 10* –**

- Paul again makes loving reference to his countrymen, the Jews - *vs. 1-2*;
- The Jews are outside because of their failure to understand the way of salvation and how to be right before God - *vs. 3-4*;
- A comparison and a contrast between the law and the gospel as a way of righteousness - *vs. 5-10*;
- The way of the gospel is open to all – to Gentiles as well as to Jews - *vs. 11-13*;
- The gospel is to be offered to all – *vs. 14-17*;
- Even though the gospel is offered to all, all do not believe – *vs. 18-21*.

Review from last time:

Rom 9:30-33 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; [31] but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. [32] Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. [33] As it is written: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STUMBLING STONE AND ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."

(Rom 10:1-21) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. [2] For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. [3] For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. [4] For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. [5] For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "THE MAN WHO DOES THOSE THINGS SHALL LIVE BY THEM." [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). [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): [9] that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. [11] For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." [12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. [13] For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED." [14] How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? [15] And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" [16] But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" [17] So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. [18] But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "THEIR SOUND HAS GONE OUT TO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD." [19] But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I WILL PROVOKE YOU TO JEALOUSY BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT A NATION, I WILL MOVE YOU TO ANGER BY A FOOLISH NATION." [20] But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME; I WAS MADE MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME." [21] But to Israel he says: "ALL DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND CONTRARY PEOPLE."

Toward the end of chapter nine, Paul refers to the fact that Jews, in contrast with Gentiles, had not obtained the righteousness of God. This was because of their unbelief. If a man is saved, it is because God has saved Him. But if a man is lost, that is to be attributed to his own rejection of the gospel and his rebellion against God's way.

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

- **Paul again affirms his love for the Jews, his brethren, according to the flesh.** Paul is not bitter. Notice, *my heart's desire* is for Israel to be saved. But not just my heart's desire, but my heart's desire and my prayer! Paul turned his heart's desire into his prayer. He took the things he longed for, his desires, and he turned them into prayer.
- **That is an important thing for us.** Those things that we are wanting to be accomplished. Those things that we want to see done. How important that we make those our prayers! That we turn our desires into our prayers. We want to see God work. We have a great desire to see God's work in members of our family. We need to turn those into prayers. Not just the longing. Not just the heart's desire but make them your prayer!
- **Come with your desires, your heart's desires. Pray together.** The Bible tells us that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. The Bible tells us that if two or three of us will agree on earth concerning anything, it will be done. If ever there was a time when we needed to pray for our children, it is now. Because only by the grace of God will they be able to stand against the wiles of the devil and the opportunities for evil that are there so available to them. Do you have a burden for your children, for the lost? Are you concerned about their relationship with God?

- **Paul took that concern, that burden and he turned it into prayer.** *My heart's desire and prayer for Israel is that they may be saved.*

Rom 10:2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

- **Writing to the Philippians, Paul in giving his religious pedigree,** saying that he was a Pharisee of the Pharisees. Concerning zeal, he said, I was persecuting the church. He is speaking out of personal experience when he said, I testify of them, *they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.* He thought that he was doing God a favor in seeking to destroy the church. He had a great zeal, wanting to do God's work, but it was not according to knowledge. Of course, zeal without knowledge can be a dangerous thing!
- **There are many people who are more zealous in their programs than the Christian is.** What a tragedy when people are spending all of their energies and this zealousness for false causes, that have a zeal but not according to knowledge! Because they are ignorant of God's righteousness. Now they want to be righteous. They are seeking for righteousness.
- **In chapter nine, Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, had not attained to the law of righteousness.** They had a zeal. They kept the law zealously. They had a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. They are ignorant of the righteousness that God has provided through Jesus Christ. They are seeking to establish a righteous standing before God by their works, by their prayers and these things of which they are very zealous to follow them. Their endeavor is to have a righteous standing before God. But their own prophet said (*Isaiah 64:6a*) *But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags!*
- **But not according to knowledge** (full, correct, precise and vital knowledge). This is a most important principle, having an exact knowledge of the truth, is essential to salvation. The Jews had not gotten it, so they were outside. They were lost. Paul prays and longs for their salvation. These Jews, he says, are outside because they do not have this exact knowledge that saves! We are saved by 'coming to a knowledge of the truth'; so that if we do not have that knowledge, we are not saved! This also is a great danger confronting the Cristian Church and every individual Christian today. We are living in an age that dislikes precision and definitions, seeming to be lazy, sentimental, and sloppy. An age that wants entertainment and dislikes effort.

Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

- **They have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God.** What happens to a person when he seeks to develop a righteous standing before God by his good works, is that he first of all develops a self-righteousness. That is all you can develop by your own good works is self-righteousness. But the fruit of self-righteousness is pride! One of the deadly sins that God hates. But that is what self-righteousness results in--a proud heart! You become like the Pharisees, who Paul is describing here. Being ignorant of God's righteousness, trying to establish his own righteousness, not submitting to the righteousness of God.
- **But the second fruit is judgment or being judgmental.** I have this tendency to look around, judging **others as worse than I am!** This business of passing judgment, as the Pharisee did. I am not like this man over here. Becoming judgmental, again it is the fruit of self-righteousness. It is just an outgrowth of it. Not submitting to the righteousness that God has provided through Jesus Christ, they are trying to establish their own righteousness.

Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

- **Believing in Jesus Christ, I have been accounted righteous by God.** When Paul was listing his pedigree in the fourth chapter of the Philippians, he said, I am a Hebrew, of the stock of Benjamin, circumcised the eighth day. A Pharisee of the Pharisees, concerning righteousness of the law, blameless. But those things, which were gain to me, I counted as loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. For whom I suffered the loss of all things. He lost his position as a member of the Sanhedrin. He lost his respect from his fellow Jews, when he embraced Jesus Christ. For whom I suffer the loss of all things, but I count them but refuse, that I might know Him and be found in Him. Not having my own righteousness, which was of the law, but the righteousness which is of Christ through faith.

- **Paul looked now at the Jew. He thought, if you only knew.** Here you are zealous, seeking after righteousness but not attaining it, because you have rejected the righteousness, that God has provided through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the end of the law for righteousness to those that believe! You can never, never be good enough for God by your own efforts, by your own righteousness! The Jews did not attain to the righteousness. Why? Because they were seeking it by the law! Whereas, the Gentiles, they did attain the righteousness, putting their faith and their trust in Jesus Christ. God accounts that person as righteous!

The Message of Salvation to All

Rom 10:5 For Moses writes (actually quoting God, what He said in *Lev. 18:5*) **about the righteousness which is of the law, "THE MAN WHO DOES THOSE THINGS SHALL LIVE BY THEM."**

- **But the problem is that no man ever did it! No man could do it.** When the early church gathered together in the first church council, to find out what they should do about the Gentile believers, most of them Jews, they carried on that attitude that the Gentiles could not be saved. The Jew believed that the Gentile was created by God to fuel the fires of hell.
- **Peter was faithful to God's calling him to bring the gospel to the Gentiles.** When the Lord called Peter to go to the Gentiles, putting down before him this sheet, three times, with unclean animals on it, saying, rise Peter. Kill and eat. Peter did not want to, as he had never eaten anything that was not clean. The Lord said, do not call that unclean which I have cleansed, further telling Peter, that some men were down at the gate, seeking him. He was to go with them not asking any questions. Peter invited the fellows in, who had been sent by Cornelius, a Roman centurion. Peter obeyed, going with the men from Joppa to Caesarea to the Gentile, Cornelius' house. Although Peter had never set foot in a Gentile home before, again he obeyed, went into the house and preached the gospel to the Gentiles! Then, as he was speaking to them, the Holy Spirit came upon them. Peter must have freaked out, thinking what the church in Jerusalem was going to say about this? When they find out I went to Gentiles.
- **He suspicioned something was going on because he took some Jewish witnesses with him** so they could bear witness that he did not do anything overtly to bring them to Christ. I was not really trying. Surely enough, the church in Jerusalem called Peter on the carpet. What is this we hear about you going into the house of a Gentile? Peter had to rehearse the whole story of his vision. How God called him to that. We see a great demonstration of *the man who does those things shall live by them!*
- **The first church council of the church – Acts 15.** There were some Jews that came from the church in Jerusalem, up to the church in Antioch, creating a division, telling the Gentile believers, no, you are not saved, until you are circumcised, and you start keeping the law of Moses. Paul heard about what these guys were teaching. Calling them in, he said, let us go back to Jerusalem and get this settled! They came back to Jerusalem. The first church council was called, apparently with James presiding. Peter was one of the first to give witness to the church council, witnessing how that God had sent him to the Gentiles. How that the Holy Spirit came upon them. Peter said I recommend that we do not put them under a yoke of bondage which neither we nor our fathers were able to bear. Peter recognized that we have not kept the law.
- **There was no way they could keep the law.** God did not give them the law to make them righteous. God gave them the law to show them their sin. So that they would as David in (*Psa 51:1.4a*) *Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. [4] Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight.*
- **Here the Jews are ignorant of the righteousness** that God has provided through Jesus Christ. They are trying to attain to a righteousness through the law. Now in order to do that, they had to misinterpret the law. They had to twist it and interpret it so that could say, we have kept it.
- **Moses described the righteousness, which is of the law,** that the man which does those things shall live by them. But if you keep the whole law and yet violate in one point, the Scripture says, you are guilty of all. So, nobody did it! Nobody could do it!

Rom 10:6 *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) (Deu 30:12-14)*
Rom 10:7 *or, " 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). (Deu 30:13)*

Rom 10:8 *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): (Deu 30:14)*

- **It is not who is going to ascend into heaven to bring the Messiah down.** Or who will descend in the abyss to bring the Messiah up. It is not the accomplishing of some great work. It is not the killing of the seven headed dragon and getting the golden apples. It is not something that man can boast in. It is not something that man can glory in his accomplishments. Righteousness does not come from our good efforts!
- **Our righteousness comes as a gift of God imparted to us through our faith in Jesus Christ,** which eliminates boasting! None of us can boast of how good we are or how righteous we are because my righteousness has nothing to do with my good efforts! My righteousness is completely through my faith in Jesus Christ! My glory is in Jesus Christ! It is in that righteousness that He has imparted to me because of my faith and trust in Him! There is no place for me to glory in myself in my flesh, only in Christ do I glory. The word of faith which we preach, Paul said, is close to you! It is as close as your mouth and your heart!
- **This is salvation for all, for anybody who believes,** however ignorant, they may be. It does not matter at all. It is not our intellectual understanding that saves us, otherwise we would be saved by works. It is our simple trust in the word preached! You believe this word. Salvation is by faith! Justification is by faith, and by faith alone!

Rom 10:9 *that (because) if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

(Rom 10:9-AMP) With the heart a person believes, and so is justified; and with the mouth he confesses – declares openly and speaks out freely his faith – and confirms his salvation.)

- **We must remember the context of this verse.** Paul's whole case is that we are all saved by grace, (*Eph 2:8-9*) *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, [9] not of works, lest anyone should boast.* We must not say that we have saved ourselves by our believing, thus making our belief a form of works. We cannot justify ourselves in any way, but that we are justified by the Lord Jesus Christ and what He has done on our behalf!
- **If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus.** More literally, **'Jesus is Lord!'** The Lordship of Jesus Christ. Have you submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ? Jesus said not all who say Lord, Lord, are going to enter the kingdom of heaven. But he that does the will of the Father. "Lord" is not a name. It is a title. When I say that *Jesus is Lord*, I am saying that He is my Master. I am His servant. I am duty bound to obey Him and to follow His instruction. That is why Jesus said, "Why do you call Me, *Lord, Lord* and yet you don't do the things that I command you?" He is pointing out that there is an inconsistency here. You call me *Lord, Lord* and yet you are not doing the things that I tell you to do! So, not all who say, *Lord, Lord*, will enter the kingdom of heaven!
- **We are told that there is going to come a day when every knee will bow,** and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord to the glory of God the Father. But that confession, will not be to salvation. It is submitting my life today to the Lordship of Jesus! Allowing Him to truly be the Lord of my life. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, but not just, you know, an empty confession! Not just mouthing the words, saying Lord, Lord!
- **And believe in your heart** (whole personality, whole being) **that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** It is the heart that is the key in unbelief, and in belief also, the belief which constitutes saving faith. (*Act 17:18b*) *because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.*
- **There must be a change of heart and regeneration,** both of which are absolutely essential to salvation. There is no such thing as saving faith without them. (*Eze 36:25-26*) *Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. [26] I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Joh 3:7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'*

Rom 10:10 *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness.** He is a new man! He has not only been made aware of the truth, but he has also felt its power! It has changed Him!

- **There has to be a consistency between what I say and what I do.** If I say Jesus is Lord then to be consistent, I have to be submitted to His will! I have to be obedient to His command! The faith that is of the heart is a faith that transforms our actions, our lives. It is not what you say, but what you do!
- **If a person has confessed Jesus as Lord, but he continues walking after the flesh, he is disobedient to the Word of God and the command of the Scriptures, then his confession that Jesus is Lord is an empty confession!** It does not save! There has to be corresponding submission to the Lordship of Jesus!

Rom 10:11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME." (Isa 28:16)

- **Whoever believes!** That is, believing is an active verb. If I truly believe it is going to be manifested in my life. It is believing on Him, or not believing on Him, that determines one's salvation, and not going about to establish one's own righteousness by means of works.
- **Do we believe on Him? If we do, we shall never be ashamed.** If we don't, we shall be eternally lost!

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek (as far as salvation is concerned), for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

Rom 10:13 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

- Notice the "whoever" here. **Whoever believes on Him. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.** The door is open to all men! There is no Biblical basis, in my opinion, for the Calvinistic theology that there is limited atonement, that Christ only died for those that would believe. I believe that Christ died for the sins of the world! I believe that the door is open for all men to come! That *whoever* believes in Him will be saved!
- **I also believe that believing in Him is a matter of choice.** That a person chooses to believe in Jesus Christ, or he chooses not to believe in Jesus Christ. I believe that it is a choice that is made in one's heart and not an intellectual choice. I do not believe that anybody has ever rejected Jesus Christ, intellectually. They may declare that they have intellectual difficulties, but that is just their excuse for not believing. The real reason for their not believing is that they do not want to submit to the Lordship of Jesus because of the requirements that He makes of us. To live after the spirit and not to live after the flesh. They want to live after the flesh because their hearts are evil, they choose not to believe in Jesus.
- **I believe that if you choose to believe in Jesus Christ that there is more than sufficient evidence to show and to prove that you have made a reasonable decision.** The gospel is reasonable and can stand up to reason! It is unreasonable to reject the gospel! How can you explain the more than three hundred predictions of the Old Testament concerning the Messiah that Jesus fulfilled? His birthplace, the time of His coming. His betrayal for thirty pieces of silver. The money being used to buy a potter's field after it was thrown down in the temple. His being smitten, spit in the face. The jeering. His hands and feet being pierced. You do not have any reasonable explanation!
- **Whoever believes. But believing is a matter of choice. If a man is saved, it is because God saves him. If he is lost, it is because he has not believed. Paul teaches both, and we must not try to get rid of either!**

Rom 10:14 How then (therefore) shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

- **If they have never heard of Jesus Christ how can they believe in Jesus Christ? And how shall they hear without a preacher?** Someone is to go and tell them about Jesus Christ.
- **How can they believe in Him whom they have not heard? How can they hear unless someone tells them?** How then can they go and tell them, unless they are sent? Sent with the gospel of peace, glad tidings of good things? Not all will hear.

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS (good news) OF GOOD THINGS (great joy!)" (Isa 52:7)

- **This is the basis for missions, for the church having missionaries.** Those that we send out to declare the message of Jesus who have not heard of Him, in order that in hearing of Him, they might believe in Him. *As it is written (In Isaiah): "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel (the good news) of peace,*
- **Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Living in this world of turmoil and conflict.** There is much conflict in this world in which we live. Conflicts around the world. This world that is filled with conflicts. Man, who has been at war with God can have peace with God and with himself! The good news of peace! The glad tidings of good things! Oh, sharing the gospel has to be the greatest thing in all the world. It is glad tidings of good things that we have to share with the world! It is a gospel that makes men and women shout! Indeed, the gospel is good news of great joy!

Rom 10:16 *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah (53:1) says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT (the thing heard)?"*

- **Here is the good news,** but people do not all obey it. It is one thing to hear the gospel, but it is another thing to hear in a manner that leads to faith!

Rom 10:17 *So then faith comes by (comes from, or out of) hearing and hearing by (through, as the result of) the word of God.*

- **Now this true hearing is a very remarkable and wonderful thing.** There is a hearing that produces faith; faith comes out of it. What sort of a hearing is this? It is and always has been of vital importance. How do you tell the difference between the two types of hearing? **We have a great illustration** of this very thing in *(Act 16:13-14) And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. [14] Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.* That is it! That is what tells us when it is this true hearing, the hearing out of which faith comes – ‘whose heart the Lord opened! You will never get this hearing unless the Lord opens the heart! Why? Because the Holy Spirit must deal with us, in opening our heart to “hear,” receiving that saving faith!
- **Jesus said the seed falls on different kinds of soil.** Some on the wayside. Some on the stony ground. Some among thorns, but thank God some falls on good soil! It brings forth fruit. But faith comes by hearing. How does hearing come? By the Word of God! So, faith comes by the Word of God.
- **We often have a mistaken notion, concerning loved ones, that if they just could see a true supernatural miracle,** then they would, no doubt, believe. There are people who are running all over the country, to observe some kind of supernatural manifestation, believing falsely, that by observing supernatural manifestations, a person can have faith planted in their hearts. If they just see.
- **In Luke 16, we are told of the rich man, who fared sumptuously every day.** There was a poor man, Lazarus, that was daily placed at his gate, begging for funds, surviving off of the crumbs from the rich man’s table. The poor man died and was carried by the angels into Abraham bosom. The rich man also died and in hell and in being in torment, seeing Lazarus being comforted in Abraham’s bosom. He said father, Abraham have mercy on me. Send Lazarus that he might come and dip his finger in water, touch my tongue. I am tormented in this heat. Abraham’s response was, son, remember in your lifetime, you had the good things and Lazarus the evil? Now he is comforted while you are in torment. Besides, there is this gulf that is fixed between us so that those that are here cannot go over there, neither can those that are there come over here.
- **The rich man reasoned, if Lazarus cannot come to me then send him to back to warn my brothers** so that they will not come to this horrible place. Abraham said, they have the law and the prophets. If they do not believe the law and the prophets, neither will they believe even though one may come back from the dead! You see he was thinking that would spark faith. If they do not respond to the Word of God, they will not respond to miracles! Miracles do not create saving faith! Only the Word of God creates saving faith! Faith comes by hearing, by heeding the Word of God, not by seeing miracles!
- **We remember in (John 11:38-57), the miraculous story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead,** four days after he died. But did the Pharisees do? They said, you know, we’d better kill Him. It did not make believers out of them. They did not acknowledge that Jesus was the Messiah, but they were determined that we’d better

kill him. **Kill Lazarus as well as Jesus. Kill them both.** Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, not by seeing miracles. Not by observing some spectacular, spiritual phenomena.

Rom 10:18 *But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "THEIR SOUND HAS GONE OUT TO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD." (Psa 19:4)*

- **But I say, have they not heard?** Paul answers his question, *Yes indeed!*
- **Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.** Now here he is quoting from *Psalm 19*, which speaks about the heavens declaring the glory of God and the earth showing forth His handiwork. Day unto day they utter their speech. Night unto night their voice goes forth. There is not a speech nor a language where their voice is not heard for it has gone out into the ends of the world. God has spoken to man. Have they not heard? Yes, but they have not been listening.

Rom 10:19 *But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I WILL PROVOKE YOU TO JEALOUSY BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT A NATION, I WILL MOVE YOU TO ANGER BY A FOOLISH NATION." (Deu 21:21)*

- **The fact that God was going to save the Gentiles** was something that Moses spoke about. The Jews are objecting because Paul is going to the Gentiles, saying, you are bitter against the Jews. Paul is saying, no. God has opened the door to the Gentiles. Opened the door to all men. Whoever you are. Wherever you are. By believing in Jesus Christ, you can be justified of any wrong you have ever done! You can be proclaimed righteous, accounted righteous before God! Israel should have known that.

Rom 10:20 *But Isaiah (65:1) is very bold and says: "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME; I WAS MADE MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME."*

- **But there is also the testimony of their prophet, Isaiah,** *But Isaiah is very bold and says:* The gospel to the Gentiles!
- **Notice the repeating of the personal pronoun, "I!"** It is being made perfectly clear that it is God who does it all! Salvation is entirely the result of God's action!

Rom 10:21 *But to Israel he says: "ALL DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND CONTRARY PEOPLE." (Isa 65:2)*

- **What a pathetic picture. God, the Creator of the universe, stretching forth His hand to His creation.** Inviting them to come and to fellowship. All day long, God says I have stretched forth My hand to the disobedient and gainsaying people.
- **God reaching out to man! This is what sets Christianity apart from all of the world religions!** The religions of man, the religions of the world, the religions that have been devised by man, always have man reaching out for God! Endeavoring to reach God. The pursuit after God, and man becomes the initiator in man's religion. But you would see the very futility of his endeavor. Because you could never start on an earth base and reach heaven, touch God. The finite could not ever touch the infinite. You realize the impossibility of it the moment you declare the situation, recognizing the impossibility that the finite could ever reach and touch the infinite.
- **But here is the picture of the Word of God in Christianity. It is God reaching out to man!** All day long have I stretched out My hands. God reaching out to touch man! God so loved the world; He gave His only begotten Son. God is the initiator!
- **Man's religions have man trying to do the prayers and all of the things necessary to reach God.** They have their prescribed ways by which they feel that God can be touched or reached by man, at least his reaching out for God. You have to fast, and you have to do this, you have to do that, in order to touch God.
- **But Christianity says, it is not by the works of righteousness, that you can touch God.** You will never touch God by your good works! You are righteousness does not count! You have to put your faith and trust in God. And as you put your faith in Him, He will account that faith for righteousness. Works can never save you. It is your trust and your faith in God that will save.

- **We see the picture, God, with the nation of Israel, stretching out His hands.** In chapter eleven, we will see how that one day, God who is so patient. God, who is so longsuffering. God, who is so faithful, will one day again work among this nation and those people.
- **We will see our place as Gentiles in chapter 11.** We are wild branches that have been grafted in that we might partake of the strength and all of the tree, the vine. We have been grafted in, contrary to nature. Be encouraged to read ahead into the eleventh chapter as Paul continues with the subject of the relationship of the Jew and the Gentile to God and God's sovereign work among men.

SUMMARY:

- **Lessons to be learned! We see in chapter 10, how the case against the Jews of the rejecting** of their Messiah, not obtaining the righteousness of God, is unanswerable, and their position inexcusable. It constitutes possibly the greatest tragedy of all human history that God's own, chosen people should be the ones to reject the message and that on the other hand, the Gentiles, who were not a people and who, being foolish and ignorant, should be the ones to come into the kingdom of God and in the Christians Church! What then, are the great lessons that we learn here?
 - ✓ **The first is that opposition to the truth of the gospel is always the result of relying on tradition.**
 - ✓ **The second is the element of falling back on their own works.** They were going about to establish their own righteousness, instead of submitting themselves unto the righteousness of God. They were refusing to accept salvation as a free gift of God's grace, desiring to earn it by merit, by their own works!
- **Ultimate Lessons that we should learn here from Chapter Ten!**
 - ✓ **First - We must learn the need for humility,** pausing for a moment, examining ourselves to see how things really stand with us, lest we unconsciously slide into the position of the Jews, which is the exact opposite of that in which we began!
 - ✓ **Second – We must test everything by the Scripture.** There is no other test apart from that! If you are not scriptural, you are wrong! Everything must be determined at the bar of Scripture!
 - ✓ **Third – We must take the as a whole,** taking them as they are, submitting to them in every respect, not stopping at the letter, but going on to the Spirit!
- **An appeal to what we must do! Scriptures**
 - ✓ **First – Let us be watchful!** Let us always examine ourselves, not assuming that because we were once right, we are still right. We must know our own relationship to the Lord!
 - ✓ **Second – We must keep ourselves open,** not being in a position to put everything down or to reject everything, but to *(1Th 5:21) Test all things; hold fast what is good.* If and when God in His grace, mercy and sovereignty, does decide to revive His work in a mighty revival, that we not be bypassed because of our rigidity, unwilling to do what God wants to do in a new way to us!
 - ✓ **God is not dependent on us! Romans 10 so teaches us that!** God is not dependent on any people, even on His own people. Even though whole of the modern church may become apostate, God will still carry out His purpose!
- **May the warning in this chapter of what happened to Israel,** make us certain that we are not in the position that they were in, so that God is not driven to raise up those others in order to provoke us to jealousy, shaming us as He carries on His great and eternal purpose! He is pleading with us. He is holding out His hands to us. He starts with us! It is always as in *(Luk 24:47) and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*
- **God forbid that we should have become so hard, so set, so formal** that we cannot tolerate a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit, that God will have to lay us aside, and raise up some nobodies to carry on His great and glorious work!
- **How open are you, am I, to the leading of the Holy Spirit?** May we be careful that we do not try to limit Him. Because if we do, we shall be quenching, we shall be resisting the Spirit, the very thing that the Jews, the Romans Catholic Church and the Church of England has done! The very thing the modern, "woke," compromising, church is presently doing! May we be open to Him! Open to the Holy Spirit!
- **Breathe on Me Breath of God!**

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD – Edward Hatch – York College Concert Choir (1:56 1:58)

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

CLOSING PRAYER: Read and meditate over *Romans Chapter 11!*

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