

## National Israel's Dilemma (Rom. 10)

- I. National Israel Has Religion But Not God's Righteousness (Rom. 10:1-4)
  - a. They are not saved and Paul is in great sorrow over this (1)
  - b. They have an ignorant zeal for God (2)
    - i. They are very religious and moral
    - ii. They believe they are serving God
  - c. They have refused Christ (3-4)
    - i. They "work" for righteousness (3)
    - ii. They do not submit to God's righteousness (3)
    - iii. Christ is God's righteousness (4) (Remember Rom. 3:21-22)
      - 1. Notice that Christ is not the end of the law, but Christ is the end of the law *for righteousness*
      - 2. Righteousness cannot come by the law and to attempt it is to separate oneself from God.
      - 3. Notice: 1 John 2:23 - *Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father:(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*
      - 4. Does National Israel deny the Son? Then do they have the Father? Are they praying to the same God we are?
- II. Faith in Christ Give's God's Righteousness (10:5-15)
  - a. Christ Alone Brings Righteousness (5-7)
    - i. The Righteousness of the Law says "Obey" (5)
      - 1. Moses wrote that a "law righteousness" is one in which you must live perfectly obedient at all times. The one seeking righteousness by law must live in the commandments. A single act of disobedience disqualifies you
    - ii. The Righteousness of Faith says "Christ has worked" (6-7)
      - 1. Paul is quoting Deut 30:11-14 where Moses is showing them that they have all they need to know in order to serve God and be righteous
        - a. They do not have to climb to heaven to seek this righteousness, Christ has already brought it to earth [Deut 30] (6)
        - b. They do not have to travel to the abyss to find God's righteousness, Christ has already brought it up from the dead (7)
  - b. Christ Brings Righteousness By Faith (8-11)
    - i. Faith Involves no Work (the word is near-Deut 30:14) (8)
      - 1. Notice what this "word" is which is near to you. It is also the "word" that you don't have to go to heaven or the abyss to find.
      - 2. This "word" which brings righteousness is "the word of faith, which we preach"
    - ii. Faith Involves Repentance and Belief (10)

1. Confess Jesus as your Lord – this implies submitting to Christ as Lord and turning from sin
  2. Believing the Father raised Jesus from the dead – this implies the belief that the Father accepted Jesus' sacrifice. – Jesus paid it all and nothing else is owed. The proof His sacrifice was accepted by the Father is the resurrection.
  - iii. Faith Brings Salvation (11)
    1. Faith is "believing on him"
      - a. This is an ongoing continuous lifestyle of believing, not a one time thing (present participle.) Those who truly believe are living in that belief
      - b. All those believing will never be ashamed (disappointed, let down).
  - c. God's Righteousness is Available for All Men not Just National Israel (12-15)
    - i. Every nationality may have God's Riches (12-13)
      1. Anyone may call on the Lord's Name
      2. There is no longer a difference between Jew and Greek (Gentile)
      3. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. (cited from Joel 2:32)
    - ii. God gives riches ONLY in the Gospel (How to call?)(14-15)
      1. Are you saying that gospel of Christ is the only way to receive God's righteousness? Yes, he is.
        - a. Men must believe in order to call
        - b. Men must hear in order to believe
        - c. Men must preach in order for others to hear
        - d. Men must be sent by God in order to preach
- III. National Israel Has Rejected God's Righteousness (16-21)
- a. National Israel Has Refused the Gospel (16)
    - i. They have not "obeyed" the gospel. (16)
    - ii. What does it mean to "obey" the gospel?
      1. Many use this phrase to argue that works are necessary for salvation
      2. Notice Paul explains what it means to "obey the gospel" by quoting Isaiah 53:1. – "who has believed our report?"
      3. Believing upon Christ is obeying the gospel
  - b. Israel Has Heard the Gospel (17-18)
    - i. Faith comes through hearing the word of God (Christ) (17)
    - ii. Israel has heard the message (quotes Ps. 19:4) (18)
  - c. Israel Has Understood the Gospel (19-21)
    - i. Moses Warned Israel (19)
      1. God will Bring other Believers
    - ii. Isaiah Warned Israel (20-21)

1. God showed Himself to Gentiles (20)
2. God rebuked Israel (21)