

**ISRAEL'S PAST & PRESENT REJECTION &
GOD'S UNIVERSAL OFFER OF SALVATION BY GRACE
(Repaving the Romans Road - Examining Romans 9:30-10:13)**

- The Context:

A. The ASSESSMENT of WHY the GENTILES Succeeded & ISRAEL Failed in the Past to ATTAIN the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. (Romans 9:30-33) *What shall we say then?* {An initial observation}

1. The REALITY of the Contrast. (9:30-31)

That _____ {1:13,2:14, 2:24, 3:39 {2x}, 9:24, 9:30, 11:11, 11:12, 11:13 {2x}, 11:25, 15:9 {2x}, 15:10, 15:11, 15:12 {2x}, 15:16 {2x}, 15:18, 15:27, 16:4},

■ *who did not pursue* {pres.act.part. of diwkw - willfully and actively pursue or seek - active voice} *righteousness* {throughout Romans - the righteousness of God in justification, introduced in 1:17},

have attained {aor., act., indic. of katalambanw - to lay hold of; to attain} *to* _____ {found 12x in 9:30-10:10}, *even the righteousness of* {ek - out of} _____ {pistis - 9:39, 9:32, 10:6, 10:8, 10:17, 11:20};

31 *but* {in contrast to the Gentiles} _____ {notice use of national term},

■ {who were} *pursuing* {pres.act.part. of diwkw - to pursue or seek - active voice} *the* _____ {added words from vs. 30} *of* {eis - for; used in 10:1; all 613 facets} *righteousness*,

has _____ {different Greek word than vs. 30; sense of achievement} *to the law of righteousness*.

2. Three REASONS Why Israel Failed. (9:31b-33) *Why?*

a. *Because they* {Israel as a nation, though some individuals did - Jn 1:11-12} *did not seek it by* {ek - out of} _____,

b. *but* {in contrast} *as it were, by* {ek} *the* _____ {inconsistent w faith; 4:5 & grace; 11:6} *of the law*.

c. *For they* {Israel} _____ *at that stumbling stone*. {obstacle that one trips over; what / who is this?}

As it is written: {Isaiah 28:16; 8:14} "*Behold, I* {God} *lay in Zion* {Jerusalem - Ps. 87:2-3; Isa. 59:20-21 Rom. 11:26-27} *a stumbling stone and rock of offense* {skandalon - 1 Cor. 1:22}, *And* _____ {whether Jew or Gentile; singular} _____ {pres.act.indic. of pisteuw - to choose to believe, trust or rely on; observe singular condition; they stumbled at Gospel simplicity}- *on* {epi - on; to rest on; "aman" in Isa. 28:16 & Gen. 15:6} *Him* {a Person - their promised Messiah - Jesus Christ; 1 Pet.2:8} *will not be put to shame* {pass. voice; will not be put to shame or disappointed because God always fulfills His promises}." **Applications:**

- 1) While Romans 9 emphasizes the sovereignty of God in Israel's past national election, 9:30-10:21 will emphasize the _____ of man in Israel's past & present rejection.
- 2) This section will make it clear that God _____ to your _____ to His _____ truths as does the rest of Romans beginning in Romans 1:18-32 so that we are without excuse.
- 3) That God's plan of salvation through imputed righteousness has _____ been by God's grace through faith alone in the Lord alone; never by good works or the works of the Law. (Romans 3:21-4:25)

B. The ASPIRATION & PRAYER by Paul for ISRAEL'S STILL AVAILABLE SALVATION (10:1)

"Brethren" {including both Jews & Gentiles who have become one in the body of Christ} *my heart's desire and prayer to God for* {hyper - on behalf of} _____ {9:6 [2x], 27 [2x], 31, 10:1, 19,21, 11:2, 7, 25, 26} *is that* {the content of his desire & prayer} *they* {Israel} *may be* _____ {eis soteria - for salvation; is this personal or national salvation? I will propose to you that it is _____. (Isa. 45:17; Jer. 23:6; 9:1-3, 27, 11:26)

Applications:

- 1) We see from the example of Paul the validity of persistent _____ for the salvation of others, even for those who have previously rejected the message.
- 2) We observe that the answer to man's greatest need is not Christian activism but _____ as people need to be saved (1:13-17) and then believers need to become _____ in the faith {via sound grace doctrine} and _____ {through mutual fellowship}. (1:11-12)
- 3) Paul directly connects "the righteousness of God" / justification & "salvation" _____.

C. The ANALYSIS & PRESENT REJECTION of the RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD with ISRAEL. (10:2-4)

1. The REASONS for ISRAEL'S NEED for SALVATION. (10:2-3)

- a. *For I bear them* {Israelites / Jews} *witness that they have* {presently} *a zeal for God* {like Paul previously to salvation - Acts 22:1-3; Gal. 1:13-14; 1 Tim. 1:13}, *but not according to* {kata - according to the norms & standards} *to* _____ {epignosis - specifically the knowledge of the righteousness of God through the Gospel by faith alone in Christ alone}.
- b. *For they* {Israelites} *being* _____ {agnoew - willingly ignorant - active voice; NET - *ignoring*; Paul will reinforce in 10:16, 18-21)} *of God's righteousness* {Gen. 15:6; +R found in the Gospel},
- c. *And* {they} *seeking* {zealously seeking - active voice, in an attempt} *to establish their _____ righteousness*, {Consider Phil. 3:4-9} Ignorance & arrogance results in spiritual disaster.
- d. {they} *have* _____ {the result of their unbelief & seeking to establish their own righteousness is that they have not submitted} *to the righteousness of God* {found in the Gospel}.

Applications:

- 1) Zeal without _____ of God's plan of grace can be disastrous; it resulted in crucifying Jesus Christ & many Jews & Gentiles then & today rejecting God's offer of His righteousness by faith alone.
- 2) The difference between your possessing your _____ righteousness {Isa. 64:6; Phil. 3:8} vs. _____ righteousness in Christ {2 Cor. 5:21} is the difference between Heaven & Hell.
- 3) Religion, instead of being a friend to true Christianity, is actually a meritorious, satanic counterfeit that _____ people from the true Gospel of grace. (2 Cor. 4:3-5; 11:13-15)

2. The REAL ISSUES in SALVATION. (10:4).

- a. *For* _____ {the focus of the Gospel - 1 Cor. 15:1-4} *is the end* {telos - purpose; termination} *of the law for righteousness...*
 - b. *to* _____ *who* _____ {present, active, participle of pisteuw - the believing one; this does not require ongoing faith but to have believed the Gospel; observe 1 condition}. (10:4) **Applications:**
- 1) You can always tell the true Gospel vs a false gospel by looking where the _____ is shining, either on Christ alone or you.
 - 2) When the spotlight is on Jesus Christ and His finished work it will be salvation by _____, but when it is on you, it will include _____.

D. The AVAILABILITY & MESSAGE of the RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD CONTRASTED. (10:5-8)

1. The RELIGIOUS / LEGAL Message & Its Availability. (10:5) *For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who _____ those things shall live by them."* {Quoting Leviticus 18:5} What is the problem with this approach? Romans 3:19-20; Gal. 3:10-12! The Law was never designed to be a ladder but a scale, a mirror, and rule of life, and this false approach to God is found in the teachings of all religions.

2. **The GRACE / FAITH Message & Its Availability. (10:6-8) *But*** {in contrast to the Law} *the righteousness of* {ek} _____ {in Christ; based on the Scriptures written by Moses} *speaks in this way,*
- "Do not say in your heart* {alluding to Deut. 9:4}, *'Who will ascend into heaven?'"* {to find out God's will, quoting Deut. 30:12} (*that is, to bring* _____ *down from above* {underscoring His deity & incarnation - Rom. 1:2-4})
 - Or* {do not say in your heart}, *"Who will descend into the abyss?"* {to needing to plumb the depths of the deepest sea or netherworld, quoting Deut. 30:13} (*that is, to bring* _____ *up from the dead* {underscoring His death & resurrection which were already complete & accepted by God}). Paul's point, like Moses, was the message God has given regarding His will related to the Gospel is available & accessible. But observe carefully Paul took the liberty to change in his quotation? He replaced the "commandment" {Law} with "Christ".
 - But what does it* {the message of faith} *say?* {quoting Deut. 30:14} *"The word* {rhema - specific spoken message} *is* {presently} _____ *you* {how near?}, *in your* _____ {to be able to speak of it} *and in your* _____ {to be able to believe it}" {Jewish idiom} (*that is, the word* {rhema} *of* _____ {in Christ alone} *which we preach* {kerrusw - to proclaim as a sent herald; - 10:15; God has used His heralds to make the Gospel known & accessible to all, especially the Jews. In addition, Paul changed "that you may do it" (Deut. 30:14) to "the word of faith".

E. The APPLICATIONS PERSONALLY Due to the PRESENT AVAILABILITY of the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD By Faith Alone in Christ Alone as Proclaimed in the Gospel. (10:9-14)

- The CONFESSION of Faith. (10:9a) *that*** {continues Paul's though from vs.5-8} ____ {3rd you might or might not; an invitation to man's volition} *you* {individually, Jew or Gentile, especially the Jew in this context} _____ {aorist, active, subj. 2nd person singular of *homologeō* - to speak the same thing; to acknowledge or agree that something is true or factual {BAGD} - in this context, to agree with God about Jesus Christ and the righteousness of God by faith alone in the Gospel} *with your mouth* {since the word of faith is 'in your mouth' - But what is the content of this verbal confession} *the* _____ {grammatically, "Jesus as/is Lord / Yahweh" - OT term for deity; the emphasis is not on the confession but on what is being confessed about Jesus as/is Lord; an early Christian confession; remember that "Jesus / Yeshua" means "Yahweh saves" and was His designated name by God as communicated to Joseph by Gabriel {Matt.1:21}; this was very difficult for both Jews {Isaiah 43:10,11, 45:21} and Gentiles {1 Cor. 12:3} to declare 'Jesus as/is Lord.'
- The CONDITION of Faith. (10:9b) *and*** {if you} _____ {aorist, active, subj. of *pisteuō* 2nd person sing.} *in your heart* {continuing the analogy of vs. 8; seat of mentality, emotion, and volition} *that* _____ {the Father as a sign of propitiation & acceptance of His sacrificial death for sins} *has raised* {aor.act.indic. of *egeirō*} *Him* {Jesus Christ} *from* {ek - out from} *the dead* {nekros - plural; dead ones}, *you* {singular} _____ {future - upon believing, passive - God does it, indic. - it's a fact, promise; of *sozw* - saved, as per Paul's prayer in 10:1; same construction as Acts 16:31}
- The CLARIFICATION. (10:10-12)**
 - In ORDER ... *For*** {gives the correct order} *with the heart one believes* {singular - *pisteuō*} *unto righteousness* {justification before God as found throughout this chapter}, *and with the mouth confession* {pres.pass.indic. of *homologēō*, sing. - this confession is prompted by the believing in one's heart} *is made unto salvation.* {10:10} Does this passage require 1, 2, or 3 conditions for salvation: *believe - confess - call?* Comparing Scripture w Scripture:

- 1) In the immediate context of Romans 9:30-10:10 the only condition of salvation & righteousness is simply to _____ in Jesus Christ alone.

- 2) In the general context of Romans, the word “believe” or “faith is found ____x, while confess / confession {homologew - 2x {10:9,10} with Romans 4 making clear that justification is always by faith in Christ alone apart from works, law, and ritual.
- 3) In the context of the New Testament, the only condition for salvation / justification is faith alone in Christ alone found some ____x. Are all these verses incomplete because they did not include “confess” or “call”?
- 4) In the context of the Bible, there is only one condition to possess or have imputed righteousness by God, namely faith alone in Christ alone: Gen.15:6; Jn 3:16-18; Rom. 4:2-3,13,16, Eph. 2:8-9}

- Why is “confession” mentioned in vs. 9 & 10?

- 1) To correspond with Paul quoting Deut. 30:14 in Romans 10:8.
- 2) The confession of one’s mouth _____ of what a person believes in one’s heart. {Matthew 12:34-37; 2 Cor. 4:13} Daniel Wallace quote ...
- 3) Consider the following verses about individuals who trusted in Jesus Christ but DID NOT confess Him {like Nicodemus, at least initially - John 3, 7:50, 19:39; or 12:42-43}

b. In SCRIPTURE ... For _____ {quoting Isa. 28:16 again as in 9:33} *says, “ _____* {*pas* - whoever; an invitation for everyone; Jew or Gentile} _____ {pres. act. part. sing. of *pisteuw*} **on** {epi - upon} **Him** {the object of faith - Lord Jesus Christ} ***will not be put to shame.*” (10:11)**

c. In AVAILABILITY ... for there is _____ {distinction, difference, separation on this matter} **between Jew and Greek** {1:14-15}, **for the same Lord over all** {Jew & Greek} **is rich to all** {Jew & Greek} **who** {plural} **call upon** {pres. middle; part. plural of *epikalew* - to call in dependence upon or appeal to someone, usually a superior or deity for physical or spiritual assistance or deliverance; repeatedly used in the Septuagint in this manner - Ps. 4:1,13:4, 17:4,7; used in NT in Acts 2:21, 7:29, 9:14, 9:21, 22:16; 1 Cor. 1:2, 2 Cor. 1:23; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Peter 1:17} **Him** {the Lord Jesus Christ}. (10:12)

4. The CALLING. (10:13-14)

a. PAUL’S usage of Joel 2:32 in ROMANS 10:13 For {lending scriptural support for vs.12} ***“whoever calls on*** {epikalew - 3rd person singular} ***the name*** {representing Who Christ is and What He has done} ***of the LORD*** {in the Hebrew text this is YAHWEH!} ***shall be saved*”** - future, passive, indicative, singular of *sozw* - same as 10:9b.; in its original context, this was personal, resulting in national salvation for Israel in view of the Day of the Lord - the Tribulation period} Remember also Peter’s usage of Joel 2:21 on the Day of Pentecost.

b. PAUL’S SHIFT BACK TO ISRAEL and CLARIFICATION in Romans 10:14 - *How then shall they* {Israel - last found in 10:2-3 in reference to Israel} ***call on Him*** {for national deliverance in the Day of the Lord - triggered by 10:13} ***in whom*** {the Lord Jesus Christ} ***they have not believed*** {aorist, act. indic. PLURAL of *pisteuw*}? ***And how shall they*** {Israel} ***believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*** {This shift back to Israel is further supported by Romans 10:16 using Isaiah 53:1, and then unequivocally later 10:19-21.} **Closing applications regarding ...**

- 1) Correct Exegesis -
- 2) Clarity in our Gospel presentation:
- 3) Biblical balance about God’s sovereignty and human responsibility:
- 4) The present availability of personal salvation / righteousness from God:
- 5) The present building of Christ’s Church {Jews & Gentiles} thru faith in Christ minus the Law.
- 6) The future national deliverance of Israel & fulfillment of its biblical covenants {Rom. 11:26-27; Isa. 53:4-6}