

# The Wrong Righteousness

Romans Chapter 10

August 17, 2015

## **DAY 1: Reasons for Israel's Rejection (v. 1-4)**

The theme of Romans 10 is Israel's present rejection. Paul moved from divine sovereignty, in Chapter 9, to human responsibility. He continued the theme of righteousness introduced at the end of the previous chapter and explains three aspects of Israel's rejection.

You would think that Israel as a nation would have been eagerly expecting the arrival of their Messiah and been prepared to receive him.

1. As you read the first verse, just as in the beginning of Chapter 9, you can almost hear Paul's heartbreak over his countrymen. Is there someone that you feel this way about?
2. One of the problems that Israel had, was that they did not *feel the need* for salvation. As you consider your own circle of influence, how many people do you interact with every day that don't seem to feel the need for salvation? "Saved from what?" they may ask.
3. As you read the first part of verse 2, it sounds like a very positive thing. What is the obvious problem with the second part of verse two?
4. Can you think of some modern examples of individuals or groups with a great deal "zeal" that is "not in accordance with knowledge?"
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
5. Look at verse 3. What did Israel do that they should not have done? What did they fail to do that they should have done?
6. In verse 4, what is meant by the phrase, "Christ is the end of the law?"
7. Does anything in today's lesson resonate with you personally?
8. How can we, as the body of Christ, address this issue within our culture?

## **DAY 2: Reasons for Israel's Rejection (v. 4-11)**

The next reason for Israel's rejection is that they misunderstood their own law. Instead of letting the Law lead them to Jesus, the awaited Messiah, they worshipped the Law itself.

1. What does verse 4 say about this concept?

Leviticus 18:5 states the purpose of the Law, "So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the Lord." In Romans 10:5, Paul refers to this idea

2. What did he say was still a problem for them?

a. Have you ever found this to be true for yourself?

b. How have you dealt with this issue personally?

3. Beginning in verse 6, Paul uses parallel concepts of heart and faith to contrast with Israel's idea of Law and works. Read verses 6-11. Circle the word "heart" each time you see it. Underline the words "believe" and "trust" each time they are used.

a. Are there any conclusions or personal applications you can draw from this?

4. Re-read verses 6-8 and then compare them with their source material in Deut. 30:12-14. What do these verses say to you about finding salvation?

### **DAY 3: The Way to Salvation! (9:10-13)**

Today's lesson is a short one, but is critically important to building our understanding of the gospel message and how God faithfully gave it to both Jew and Gentile:

1. What does verse 9 say about the way to salvation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How does verse 10 help explain verse 9?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Do verses 9-10 describe you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read verse 11 and then compare it to Isaiah 28:16. Who is the "stone" referenced in Isaiah?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Look at verses 12-13 and list at least two results listed for those who call on Him.
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  - b.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Does verse 12 promise that if you are saved, you will become rich? If not, what is the meaning of the phrase, "abounding in riches?"

#### **DAY 4: Remedy for Israel's Rejection (v. 14-17)**

1. Read verses 14-15. What do you see in those verses as the remedy for Israel's rejection?
  
2. What do these verses say about our responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission?
  - a. How would you consider that you fulfill this commission in your own life?
  
3. Verses 14 and 15 can be read as a personal challenge to us. Do you have beautiful feet?
  
4. Read verses 16-17. Did all of Israel follow the remedy for their rejection of Jesus as Messiah?
  
5. Notice the themes of "faith" and "believing" continuing from the verses we looked at a couple of days ago. Paul continues to stress the difference between heart/faith and Law/works. How can you live this out TODAY?
  
6. When you have "beautiful feet," what do these verses say about the potential response from those to whom you go? Should that affect our willingness to go?

## **DAY 5: Results of Israel's Rejection (v.18-21)**

The first result of Israel's rejection is that they are found guilty. Read verse 18. The last part of the verse is a quote from Psalm 19:4. Read the first 6 verses of Psalm 19.

1. How did Israel reject what they heard?
  
2. Go back to verses 7-11. How had they rejected God's revelation to them?
  
3. Back in Romans 10, read verses 19-20 and look for another result of Israel's rejection. What are two specific emotions Paul predicts in verse 19 for Israel as he quotes Deut. 32:21?
  - a.
  
  - b.
  
4. To whom is Paul referring in these two verses?
  
5. Now read verse 21. In spite of Israel's guilt and God's making Himself "manifest" to the Gentiles, how does He still feel about His people Israel?
  
6. Thank goodness we have never been "disobedient and obstinate people," right? :)
  
7. How does God feel about Israel now? How does He feel about Gentiles who do not "heed the glad tidings" (v. 16)? Read 2 Peter 3:9.