

Romans 10 - Israel's Relationship to God - Presently

SUMMARY

- Chapter 10 is the middle chapter of the three-chapter section dealing with Israel's relationship to God, and 10 is the Bible number for the Gentiles.
 - So, right here in the MIDDLE of a section dealing with Israel's relationship to God is one of the greatest chapters in the Bible dealing with Gentile salvation. WHY?
 - 1) Because God shows that right now in the present Age of Grace there is no difference in how individual Jews and Gentiles get saved. - vv. 12-13 cf. 1 Cor. 12:13
 - 2) God is using the salvation of the Gentiles to provoke the Jews to jealousy.(v.19)
 - 3) God wants to correct the Jews in their national and religious conceit.
- v. 1 - Paul had a "heart's desire and prayer" that Israel as a nation would be saved - Rom. 9:1-3
- Every believer needs to constantly monitor his heart's desires and motives.
 - Exactly what should be a believer's motive? -(**Fear God**-1 Pet. 2:17; **Love God** - 2 Cor. 5:14a; Bring **Glory, Honour and Pleasure** to God! - Rev. 4:11)
 - A believer's *greatest desire* ought to be to see others get saved. - 2 Cor. 5:18-20
- v. 2 - The Jews are an example of misguided zeal
- This verse applies to many religious groups today. Many are zealous in their religious beliefs (and much more zealous than most Christians) but many believe and proclaim a false gospel.
 - **ROOT CAUSES:** Biblical ignorance, wrong divisions in the scriptures, and watered down modern perversions of the scriptures which bring about much confusion, and even a lack of understanding of salvation for today's Age of Grace.
 - The Devil's main goal is to distort the clear gospel of Jesus Christ. ***There is but one true plan of salvation which applies today, THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD!*** - Acts 20:24; Gal. 1:6-12, 2:16, 21, 3:26; Eph. 2:8-9; 3:1-7; Titus 2:11
 - Why do something with zeal when it is the wrong thing to do in the first place?
 - Being busy with religious activities and good deeds **without** proper focus on truth and sincere fellowship with Jesus Christ is just plain wrong.
- v. 3 - Summary of man's main problem: Self-righteousness and being proud of it!
- Here is the crux of the matter: Is salvation earned 1) by good works and self-righteousness or 2) by grace through faith whereby we receive the righteousness of God Himself? - ANSWER → No. 2) of course!!
 - It's that **prideful attitude** that says: "I'm not perfect, but I'm better than most people I know, so I believe I'm as deserving as anybody else of going to Heaven." - Isa. 64:6 (PURE HUMANISM!)
 - "going about to establish" = good works for salvation - Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 4:5

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- Lost people don't go to Hell because of the sins they commit, but because they reject the sin payment Jesus made at the cross and by doing so refuse the righteousness of Jesus. When anyone rejects Jesus, they are actually proclaiming (though they would never admit it) that they are actually **better than** Jesus Christ and don't need His righteousness in order to be in right relationship with God. **THAT'S WRONG!**
 - To receive God's righteousness, we must **submit** ourselves to what God says, i.e. we must **not** trust our self-righteousness and receive the gift of His righteousness.
 - **REASON:** Spiritual ignorance and blinded minds. - 2 Cor. 4:4
- v. 4 - The work of Jesus Christ is complete and all-sufficient. - Heb. 12:2
- Not "end of the law" in the sense that a believer ceases from a need for practical righteousness in his daily life in order to remain in proper fellowship with God.
 - Jesus kept the Law completely. - Matt. 5:17
 - When Jesus died on the cross and He became that once-and-for-all blood atonement for sin, it ENDED the time of the OT when righteousness was attributed to a man according to how he kept the Law. - Heb. 10:10
 - Positional righteousness in the Church Age is **not** attaining some level of self-righteousness to gain favor with God, but is about **receiving the imputed righteousness of God by faith in Jesus**. - Phil. 3:9
 - "**every one that believeth**" - God's righteousness is imputed to those who believe, i.e. when a person trusts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.
- vv. 5-7 Contrast of "**righteousness which is of faith**" versus righteousness which is by the Law. - Gal. 3:26-27
- In the OT (**prior to Calvary**), belief in God had to be expressed by **ACTIVE OBEDIENCE** to the Mosaic Law System. When a man sinned, the required animal sacrifices were made in order for him to remain "**SAFE or IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP** with God", i.e. a man had faith in God that these sacrifices kept him in right relationship with God. He needed to continue this pattern until he died. If he did so, then his soul would go to Abraham's bosom (Paradise) and await the atonement of Jesus Christ at Calvary, at which time when Jesus would go to the heart of the earth (Matt. 12:40) and preach the gospel (1 Peter 3:19, 4:6); he would then place his faith in Jesus Christ and was taken out of the captivity of Abraham's bosom (Paradise) and taken up to Heaven with Jesus.
 - In the OT, a person could not be fully saved because Jesus had not yet made the once-for-all (permanent) sacrifice for sin at Calvary. OT SALVATION ILLUSTRATION: Owning a House or a Mortgage
 - Positional Righteousness in the NT after Calvary is the free gift of imputed righteousness given to a believer the moment he trusts Jesus Christ alone for salvation. - Titus 3:5-6

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- In the OT, a person's **flesh was connected to his soul** and whatever defiled the flesh also defiled his soul. In the NT, when a believer places his trust in Jesus alone for his salvation, the Holy Ghost of God performs a **spiritual circumcision**, which instantaneously separates a believer's soul from his sinful flesh and he/she received complete forgiveness from all sin (past/present/future). - Col. 2:11-15
 - vv. 6-8 is a quote of Deut. 30:11-14
 - v. 6 - nobody can force Christ to leave his seat in Heaven at the right hand of God the Father and come down here to earth.
 - v. 7 - nobody is going to find Christ in any tomb here on earth, WHY? *"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."* - Matt. 28:6
 - Jesus died once for all, but will return in His own timing. - Heb. 10:10-12
 - God demonstrated his love for sinners by making provision through Jesus Christ for every person's salvation at the cross of Calvary. - Rom. 5:8
- v. 8 - The "**word of faith**" is what we preach
- The "word is nigh thee, even in thy **mouth**, and in thy **heart**", meaning that anyone who desires to get saved will be given the necessary light and opportunity to point him to the Saviour, Jesus Christ. - John 1:9; Titus 2:11
 - Notice the word is **FAITH** alone, all by itself! - Rom. 5:1, Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 3:26
 - By God's design, the word of God is to be preached! - 1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Tim. 4:2-5
- vv. 9-10 - Explain how to be saved and believe the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ
- Greatest promise in the Bible - v. 9: "**thou shalt be saved**", so we must pay very close attention to the details of this verse and passage!
 - To "**confess with thy mouth**" is to admit, declare, or agree with God's record of us that we are sinners before God. - Rom. 5:6 In addition, we must confess that we believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to get to Heaven and agree, admit or declare a heart's trust in the D/B/R of Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
 - The Bible says: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth **the Lord Jesus**", (**not "Jesus as Lord"** as many of the modern perversions say). - Matt. 12:34 (same in Luke 6:45). A person must believe Jesus is God Himself manifested in the flesh!
 - The Bible also **DOES NOT** say, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth **all thy sins**" Many gospel tracts and Bible teachers use 1 John 1:9 to get people to confess and repent of their sins in order to get saved, but that verse has **nothing** to do with Church Age salvation at all. Confession of sins is not salvation. Judas confessed his sin (Matt. 27:3-5), Balaam confessed his sin (Num. 22:34), Pharaoh confessed his sin (Ex. 10:16-17) and every one of them ended up in Hell **after** he had confessed his sin.
 - Word Study "confess sins" from 1 John 1:9 - Lev. 5:5 (FM), 26:40; Num. 5:7; Neh. 1:6, 9:2; Josh. 7:19-26; Ps. 32:5; Dan. 9:20; Matt. 3:1-6 (contrast Church Age of Grace - Col. 2:13 complete forgiveness - 1X!!)

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- What does it mean to “**believe in thine heart**”? It is not just a head knowledge of a set of facts...true heart belief is to totally rely on, depend on, believe on, and trust in Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection for your salvation and to call on Him to save you. You must see that Jesus died for you **personally**, not just all people **in general**!
 - Believing in the resurrection makes the atonement effective to a sinner, i.e. it is essential to the Plan of Salvation. - 1 Cor. 15:1-4
 - **Never** leave out **the resurrection** when proclaiming the gospel. - 1 Cor. 15:12-20
 - **Repentance** as relating to salvation is 1) a change of mind that 2) **results in** trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation. The person must no longer trust anything else he/she may have been trusting for your salvation such as water baptism, church membership, tithing, good works, keeping the 10 commandments, living by the Sermon on the Mount, keeping the Golden Rule, etc. - Rom. 4:5; Titus 3:5-6
 - Psalm 11:3 - If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- v. 11 - Similar to last phrase of Rom. 9:33 - Isaiah 49:23
- “whosoever believeth on him **shall** not be ashamed” - While we should not be ashamed to witness to others about Jesus Christ right now, doctrinally this is referring to a time of future judgment.
 - When the lost are cast into the Lake of Fire, believers at that time will not be ashamed or embarrassed of having trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
- vv. 12-13 - The “whosoever” of v. 13 is defined here in verse 12
- Defined as Jew or Gentile, **not the elect under some Calvinist predestination scheme**. (Review the false T-U-L-I-P of Calvinism - John 3:16-18, 36; 1 Tim. 3:1-6, 2 Pet. 3:9, Rom. 4:5, 5:1, 6:23, Gal. 3:26, Eph. 2:8-9, etc.)
 - Both Jews and Gentiles today are saved exactly same way - Rom. 3:22; Gal. 3:28
 - **Whosoever** means any person alive today can be saved by simply trusting in and calling upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation. - Rom. 1:16
 - God made it simple and easy to be saved, and salvation is available to each and every person! - Gal. 2:21, 3:21-26
- vv. 14-15a - The progression of the Gospel from God to man, in reverse order.
- God sends out the Gospel both by preachers as well as through all Christians who witness and give out tracts. - Phil. 1:12-18 (v. 14 =>brethren and some even without proper motives)
 - Paul was sent to preach. - 1 Cor. 1:17 Notice “**the cross of Christ**” is to be the thing that makes the Gospel effective, not Paul's “**wisdom of words**”.
 - The **true** Gospel of the grace of God needs to be preached everywhere, **not** some “self-righteousness or works-based false gospel”.
 - Every Christian should be preaching the Gospel to the lost in some way.

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v. 15b - Quotation of Isaiah 52:7 and Nahum 1:15 - Message of "peace"

- Here Paul uses verses that apply doctrinally to the Second Advent and the Millennium and applies them to the Church Age.
- Prophetically, Isaiah 52:7 speaks of that permanent peace that comes when Jesus reigns as King in Jerusalem during the Millennium.
- Historically Nahum 1:15 speaks of a temporary peace where God delivers Judah out of the hand of Sennacherib in 2 Kings 19.
- This v. 15 is speaking about the **peace** God gives every believer who has trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation. - John 14:27; 16:33; 1 Cor. 14:33; Col. 3:15; Ps. 29:11; Rom. 5:1; Isa. 26:3
- God says, "how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace", i.e. you can always be sure you are in God's perfect will anytime you are preaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. - Eph. 6:15; Acts 20:24
- Any believer that is not active in proclaiming the Gospel is not in the will of God.

v. 16 - Quote of Isaiah 53:1 - God's record/report of Jesus Christ is in the rest of Isaiah 53

- Isaiah was predicting the nation of Israel would reject their Messiah Jesus Christ and the Gospel message of faith in Jesus Christ.
- A person must believe the Gospel **on God's terms**, not his own terms, i.e. by faith alone in Jesus Christ (today).
- Obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ is **defined** as believing or having faith in the Gospel (heart's belief, not head facts). - Rom. 16:26; 2 Thess. 1:8
- Obeying the Gospel is not doing works of righteousness to merit salvation, but **believing** the report that God gave of His Son and trusting Jesus and Jesus alone for salvation. - Titus 3:5
- To obey the Gospel is to change your mind (repent) **from** your own way of salvation (or from unbelief) and **toward** God through trusting Jesus Christ. - Acts 20:21; 26:20
- **Result** - Some will believe & receive the Gospel and some will reject. - Acts 28:24

v. 17 - How do people obtain faith in Jesus Christ?

- It's not only that faith cometh by hearing the word of God, although that is true.
- It is also that the hearing of the word of God with a willingness to **receive** its truth.
- It is trusting that the word of God is the right way of salvation and then acting upon it by believing on Jesus Christ as your Saviour and forsaking all other ways of salvation.
- If you choose to act on the truth that God gives you from His word, then God will give you more truth, but if you reject it, then even the truth you have will be taken away. - Matt. 13:12

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v. 18 - God makes sure all lost people have a preacher. - Quote of Psalm 19:4

- God gives all men a chance to be saved. - Rom. 1:19-20; 1; John 1:9; Titus 2:11
- We see in Psalm 19:1-3 that even day, night, and the heavens declare God to lost people by:
 - The sun depicts God as a trinity (Heat rays, light rays, ultraviolet rays)
 - The red setting sun depicts the shed blood and death of the Lord.
 - The sun comes up every morning depicts the Lord's resurrection and His promise to return at the 2nd coming.
 - The moon is a type of the local church and reflects the sun, depicting the reflection believers should have of the Son (sun). - Mal. 4:2

vv. 19-20 - Didn't Israel know? (YES) - v. 19-quote of Deut. 32:21 and v. 20-quote of Is. 65:1

- Deut 32:20 shows that Israel was a nation described as "**children in whom is no faith**".
- "foolish nation" (nation singular) refers to **saved** Gentiles - Rom. 11:11
- So God is using **saved** Gentile dogs to provoke His own people to jealousy and anger.
- OT Examples - Luke 4:24-30 - Two of God's OT dealings with Gentiles (the widow woman of Zarephath in 1 Kings 17 and Naaman the Syrian leper in 2 Kings 5) made the Jews so angry they tried to kill Jesus.
- NT Example - Acts 22:17-24 - Note the reference to "Gentiles" in Acts 22:21.

v. 21 - Quote of Isaiah 65:2 - Practically, God is seeking the souls of all men throughout their lifetimes. - 2 Pet. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:1-6

- But some people (here: Israel) are disobedient to God and are gainsayers (they speak against the things of God).
- People unwittingly want to hold on to their own self-righteousness. - Rom 10:3
- What sends a man to Hell is his refusal and rejection of the free salvation that has been offered to him.
- Nearly all people (and especially Israel) are incurably self-righteous.