THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

Lesson 14 The VINDICATION of the Righteousness of God: Israel's Present (Romans 9:30 to 10:21)

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In the previous section, God was vindicated against charges of unfairness ("Is there unrighteousness with God?"). The sovereign God declared, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy."

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Now Paul explains why, during this present time, it is only a small portion – a remnant – of Jews who believe on Jesus as their Messiah. There are three parts to this section:

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Romans 9:30-31 ³⁰ What shall we say then?

That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

³¹ But Israel,

which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.



Why have things turned out so differently for the Jews and Gentiles?

THE GENTILES

were not looking for righteousness, but found righteousness – the righteousness which is of faith.

THE JEWS

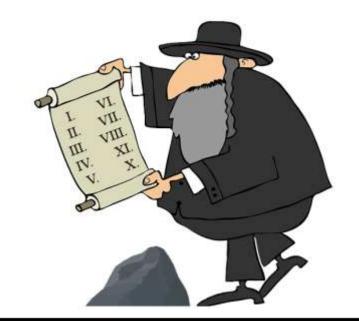
tried to earn the righteousness that comes by keeping the law but they never could reach the perfection demanded by the law.

Romans 9:32a

³² Wherefore?

Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.

Why didn't the Jews find what they were looking for?



Romans 9:32b-33

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Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence:

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"He will be quiet, and seek no other remedies, but be content with Christ." (GENEVA BIBLE NOTES) Those who seek righteousness by works will reject the one who offers righteousness by faith.

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Romans 10:1

¹ Brethren,

my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Despite all the harm the Jews had done to Paul, his love for his people had not changed.

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Webster's 1828 Dictionary

SALVATION, noun [from Latin salvo, to save.]

- . The act of saving; preservation from destruction, danger or great calamity.
- 2. Appropriately in theology, the redemption of man from the bondage of sin and liability to eternal death, and the conferring on him everlasting happiness.

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Strong's Concordance

σώζω sozo {sode'-zo}

- to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction
- 2. to save in the technical biblical sense
- a. to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment
- b. to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance.

Romans 10:2

 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

He knew the Jews had a great desire to be righteous before God. They were ignorant of how to get there.

Romans 10:3-4

- ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- ⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

They looked to their own works, and not to the work of Christ.

Romans 10:5

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In the next 5 verses, Paul compares the righteousness which is of the law and the righteousness which is of faith.

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This is explored more fully in Galatians:

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James 2:10

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Romans 10:6-8

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Paul now speaks of the righteousness which is of faith.

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Paul is quoting from Deuteronomy 30:

- ¹¹ For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.
- ¹² It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?
- ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?
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What is this word of faith that is as close to you as your mouth and heart?

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For the elect of God, eternal life is a breath away.

Romans 10:11-13

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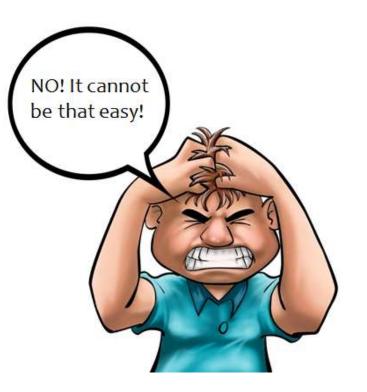
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Some people are not happy about this:



But there is nothing *easy* about our salvation!



Romans 10:14-15a

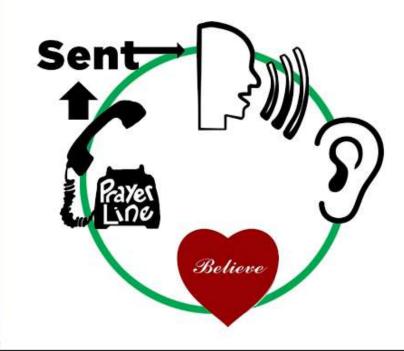
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Paul follows these great truths with some very logical questions:

Romans 10:14-15a

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This sequence is put in reverse order.

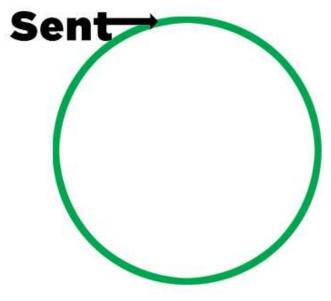


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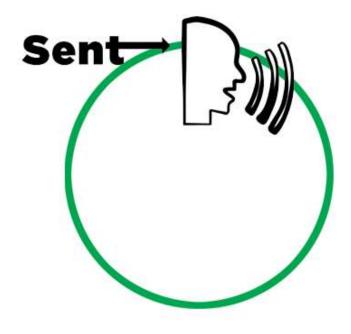


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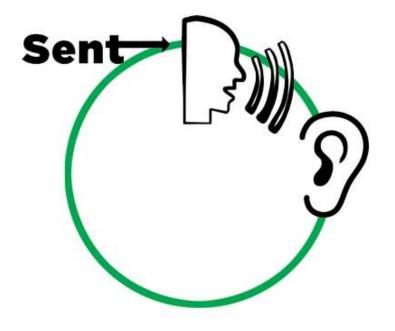
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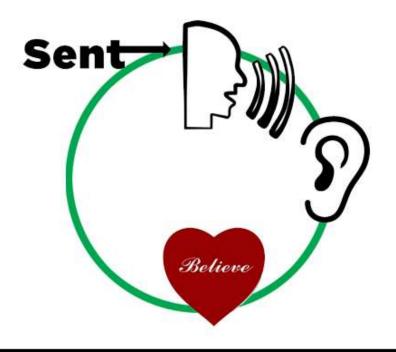
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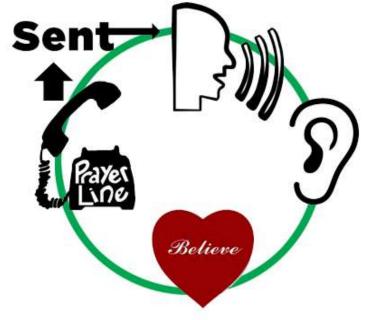
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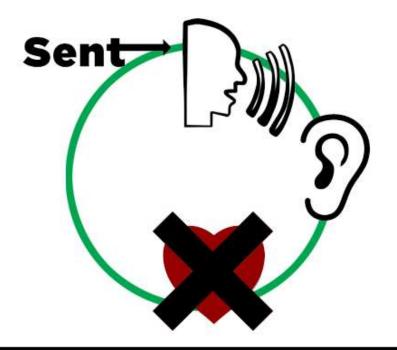
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But the Israelites heard God's messengers, and rejected what they heard!



Romans 10:15b

¹⁵ ... as it is written,

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!



Whether the message is accepted or rejected, the feet that carry it are still blessed.

Romans 10:15b

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How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

This is from Isaiah 52:

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!



THE STRUCTURE OF ROMANS

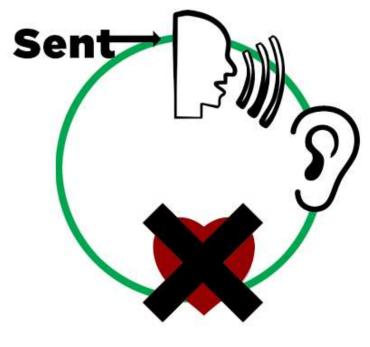
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We have reached the final part of this section.						

Romans 10:16

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This is from Isaiah 53:

- ¹ Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
- ³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.



As he meditated upon Israel's rejection of the prophets, Paul may have thought about what Stephen said just before he was stoned to death.



Acts 7:51-52

⁵¹ Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. ⁵² Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

Romans 10:17-18

- ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- ¹⁸ But I say, Have they not heard?

Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Paul finishes his testimony of Israel's rejection of the prophets with two piercing questions:

Have they not heard? Did not Israel know?



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Paul quotes Psalm 19 to show that the Jews were *never* denied the opportunity to hear.

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
- ² Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
- ⁴ Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world ...

Romans 10:19-21

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First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

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 I was found of them that sought me not;
 I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

 ²¹ But to Israel he saith,
 All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Yes, Israel heard.

But didn't Israel know that her rejection of the Messiah was foretold by Moses and Isaiah?

And that because of this, God would turn his heart to the people he had once rejected?

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This is from Deuteronomy 32:

- ²¹ They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities:
 - and I will move them to jealousy with *those which are* not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

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This is from Isaiah 65:

- I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not:

 I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.
- ² I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts;



Israel heard the word of God. They knew the word of God.

But still they rejected the word of God. And as a result, God turned his heart to the Gentiles, the *unchosen* people.



What does the future hold for Israel? "Hath God cast away his people?" This is the question Paul asks and answers in Chapter 11, the subject of our next lesson.

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Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

- 1. In Romans 9:30-31, who was LOOKING for righteousness? The Jew or the Gentiles?
- 2. In Romans 9:30-31, who FOUND righteousness? The Jew or the Gentiles?
- 3. According to Romans 9:32, why didn't the Jews find what they were looking for?
- 4. According to Romans 10:2, the Jews had _____ but they did not have _____.
- 5. According to Romans 10:4, Christ is
- 6. According to Galatians 3:10, what is the curse of the Law?
- 7. What is the word of faith that is near to your mouth and heart (found in Romans 10:9)?
- 8. What word is in both Romans 10:11 and 13
- 9. What are two questions Paul asks about Israel that begin Romans 10:18 and 19?
- 10. What two prophets are quoted in Romans 10:19-20:

Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.

