

The Book of Romans

V. Paul's *Discourse* on the **Present** and **Future Status** of the **People of Israel** (9:1-11:36)

- A. He *Expresses* his **Personal Burden** concerning his people **Israel** (9:1-5)
- B. He *Explains* how that **Israel's *Present Status*** is according to the **Sovereign Purposes** of **God** (9:6-29)

C. He *Expounds* on **Israel's Failure** to receive **Righteousness** by **Faith** in **Messiah** (10:1-21)

- 1. *Expressing* His **Burden** over their **Failure** to receive **God's Righteousness** (10:1-4)

10 Brethren, my **heart's desire** and my **prayer to God** for **them** is for *their* **salvation**.

²For I testify about them that they have a **zeal for God**, but **not** in accordance with **knowledge**.

³For **not knowing** about **God's righteousness** and seeking to establish their **own**, they **did not subject themselves** to the **righteousness of God**.

⁴For **Messiah** is the **end** of the **law** for **righteousness** to **everyone** who **believes**.

- 2. *Explaining* by **contrast**, the **Righteousness** of the **Law**, and the **Righteousness based** on **Faith** in **Messiah** (10:5-13)

⁵For **Moses** writes that the **man** who **practices** the **righteousness** which is **based on law** shall **live** by that **righteousness**.

⁶But the **righteousness based on faith** speaks as follows:
"DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, '**WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?**'
(that is, to **bring Messiah down**),

⁷or '**WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?**'
(that is, to **bring Messiah up** from the dead)."

⁸ But what does it say?

“THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, *IN YOUR MOUTH* AND *IN YOUR HEART*”—
that is, the **word of faith** which **we are *preaching***,

⁹ that if you **confess** with **your mouth Jesus as Lord**,
and **believe** in **your *heart*** that **God *raised Him from the dead***,
you will be **saved**;

¹⁰ for with **the *heart*** a person **believes**, resulting in **righteousness**,
and with **the *mouth*** he **confesses**, resulting in **salvation**.

¹¹ For the **Scripture** says,

“**WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM** WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”

¹² For there is **no distinction** between **Jew and Greek**;
for the **same *Lord*** is **Lord of all**,
abounding in **riches** for all who ***call on Him***;

¹³ for “**WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD** WILL BE **SAVED**.”

3. ***Establishing*** their Need to **Hear** and **Believe** the **Gospel Message** (10:14-21)

¹⁴ ***How*** then will they **call on Him** in whom they have **not believed**?
How will they **believe in Him** whom they have **not heard**?
And ***how*** will they **hear** without a **preacher**?

¹⁵ ***How*** will they **preach** unless **they are sent**? Just as it is written,
“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE **THE FEET OF THOSE**
WHO BRING ***GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!***”

¹⁶ However, they did **not all heed** the ***good news***;
for **Isaiah** says, “**LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?**”

¹⁷ So **faith** *comes* from ***hearing***, and ***hearing*** by the **word of Messiah**.

¹⁸ But I say, surely **they have never heard**, have they? *Indeed they have*;

“**THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH,**
AND THEIR *WORDS* TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD.”

¹⁹ But I say, surely **Israel did not know**, did they? First **Moses** says,

“I WILL MAKE YOU (**ISRAEL**) ***JEALOUS*** BY THAT WHICH IS **NOT A NATION,**
BY A **NATION** WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU.”

²⁰ And **Isaiah** is **very bold** and says,

**“I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME,
I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.”**

²¹ But as for **Israel** He says,
“ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE **STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS**
TO A **DISOBEDIENT** AND **OBSTINATE** PEOPLE.”

Message Summary

Why *Many* among Israel are not Saved

1. **Israel** has a **zeal for God**, but **not** according to **knowledge** (10:1-3)
 - a. *They* did **not** **know** about the **righteousness** that comes **from God** (10:3a)
 - b. *They* sought to **establish** their *own* **righteousness**, and did **not** **subject** themselves to the **righteousness of God** (through **faith in Messiah**) (10:3b)
2. **Israel** did **not see** that **Messiah** is the **end** of the **law for righteousness** (10:4)

Now that **no one** is **justified** by the **Law** before **God** is *evident*; for,
“THE **RIGHTEOUS MAN** SHALL **LIVE** BY **FAITH**.”

But **before faith** came, we were **kept in custody** *under the law*,
being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

Therefore the **Law** has become **our tutor** to **lead us** to **Messiah**,
so that **we** may be **justified by faith**.

But **now** that **faith** has **come**, we are **no longer** under a **tutor**.
For **you** are all **sons of God** through **faith in Messiah Jesus**.
(Galatians 3:11, 23-26)

3. **Israel** **continues** (even to **this day**) to pursue a **righteousness based**
on the “**practice**” of the **law** (10:5), not realizing that by the “**works**
of the **Law** **no flesh** will be **justified** in **His sight** (3:20).

“**We** are **Jews** by nature and **not sinners** from among the **Gentiles**;..

...even **we** have **believed in Messiah Jesus**, so that **we** may be **justified**
by faith in **Messiah** and **not** by the **works of the Law**;
since by the **works of the Law** **no flesh** will be **justified**.”
(Galatians 2:15-16)

4. Except for a **remnant of believers** (8:27-29), **Israel** has **rejected** the
righteousness of God through **faith** in **Jesus the Messiah**.

They have **rejected** the message preached to them, that **salvation** and **righteousness** are given to those who *confess* and *believe in* the **Lord Jesus**.

But what does it (the **scripture**) say?
“THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR *MOUTH* AND IN YOUR *HEART*”—
that is, the **word of faith** which **we are *preaching***,

that if you *confess* with your mouth **Jesus as Lord**,
and *believe* in your heart that **God raised Him** from the dead,
you will **be saved**;

for with the heart a person *believes*, resulting in **righteousness**,
and with the mouth he *confesses*, resulting in **salvation**.
(Romans 10: 8-10)

5. Although *Israel* has had a **history of rebellion and unbelief** (10:21),
God has still been **saving** a “remnant” of Jews in every age.
The ***increasing* number of Jewish believers in this generation** attests
to this.

For this reason, we remain **faithful** to our *calling* at Adat Shalom,
to “**share the good news of the Jewish Messiah to the Jewish
community,**” and to “**make disciples of all the nations.**” (Matt. 28:19)

We also have a **personal challenge** that was set forth by **Rabbi Paul**
tonight. The “**word of faith**” is *near*, and ready to be *believed*,
and *confessed* for **salvation** (10:8-10). However→

→ “***How*** then will they ***call on Him*** in whom they have ***not believed?***
How will they ***believe*** in ***Him*** whom they have ***not heard?***
And ***how*** will they ***hear*** without a ***preacher?***

How will they ***preach*** unless they are ***sent?*** Just as it is written,
“**HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF *THOSE*
WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!” (10:14-15)**

May *we all* have “**beautiful feet,**”
and share ***boldly*** and ***joyfully*** the “**good things**” of the **gospel**
throughout this **New Year**