

# Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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## "THE JUSTICE OF GOD - Israel's Present" Romans 10:1-21



### Introduction:

ISRAEL'S PAST - a demonstration of the sovereignty of God (9:1-33)

ISRAEL'S PRESENT - a demonstration of the justice of God (10:1-21)

ISRAEL'S PROSPECTS - a demonstration of the faithfulness of God (11:1-36)

### I. PAUL'S BURDEN FOR HIS PEOPLE (vs. 1-2)

#### A. The Reality of Israel's Unbelief (9:30-33)

What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law."

"Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works."

They stumbled over the stumbling stone, just as it is written, 'BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.'

#### B. Paul's Response to Israel's Unbelief (vs. 1-2)

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

### II. ISRAEL'S PURSUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (10:3-15)

#### A. The Righteousness of the Law (vs. 3-5)

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

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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

#### B. The Righteousness of Faith (vs. 6-10)

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

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

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,

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.

#### C. Righteousness through the Lord (vs. 11-15)

For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

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;

for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

**Law Righteousness**

- only for the Jew
- based on works
- self-righteousness
- cannot save
- obey the Lord
- leads to pride

**Faith Righteousness**

- "whosoever"
- by faith alone
- God's righteousness
- brings salvation
- call on the Lord
- glorifies God

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!"

**III. ISRAEL'S INEXCUSABLE UNBELIEF (10:16-21)**

A. They Didn't Believe (vs. 16)

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

B. They Didn't Hear (vs. 17-18)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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."

C. They Didn't Know (vs. 19-21)

But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they?

First Moses says, "I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."

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."

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

**Conclusion:**

- Theological...*
- 1) The gospel is within the reach of all.
  - 2) The gospel has been offered to all.
  - 3) The gospel has not been obeyed by all.

- Practical...*
- 4) We must **care** enough for the souls of others to go out of our way to proclaim the gospel to them.
  - 5) We must **share** the good news faithfully, freely, and often.
  - 6) We must **pray** that the gospel will penetrate guarded minds and hardened hearts.

**Food for Thought:**

- 1) What is the difference between trying to establish our own righteousness and submitting to God's righteousness?
- 2) Are believers responsible for the salvation of other people? What is the believer's responsibility in evangelism?
- 3) What is the meaning of "confess with your mouth" in vs. 9?
- 4) What are you doing practically to share the gospel with the Jewish people?