

Romans 10

1. Paul again expresses his desire and prayer that his own ethnic people may be saved.
2. They are zealous for God but they completely misunderstand what is required to please God.
- 3-4. They did not understand that the righteousness that pleases and satisfies God is that which He gives to humble sinners.
They were determined to achieve their own righteousness rather than humbly submit to being objects of mercy.
They failed to see that only Christ has fulfilled all that God requires and that His righteousness is obtained by faith not works.
- 5-8. What is required has been accomplished by Christ, there are no difficult tasks to be undertaken by us, what is now required is the word of faith – the Gospel message on one's lips and in one's heart.
- 9-11. True faith is a wholehearted commitment to Christ as Lord involving both heart and mouth. The Old Testament confirms that those who confess faith in Christ will never be ashamed of Him.
- 12-13. Another crucial verse in interpretation of these chapters.
As far as salvation is concerned there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, one has no privilege over the other.
Israel is no longer God's special nation.
The same Lord is Lord of all and blesses all who call on Him, so God's special people are now all who call on the Name of the Lord.
- 14-15. The gospel message must be preached so that those who hear might come to faith in Christ. God called, authorized servants are required to proclaim the truth.
- 16-18. National Israel had heard the word of the gospel preached but the majority had rejected it. As Isaiah prophesied – The message was as well known in Israel as the voice of creation is known throughout the world.
19. The truth was far better known and understood by Israel than the Gentile world, so the Jews were responsible for their unbelief. God's favour was now transferred to the nation of believers.
Matt. 21.38-43.
20. Isaiah prophesies the salvation of previously ignorant indifferent Gentiles.
21. Isaiah prophesies the disobedient and obstinate rejection of the gospel by majority Israel. The unbelief of Israel and the salvation of many Gentiles was no surprise to God.