

## Romans 9 v 30 to 10 v 21

### Israel's unbelief

<sup>30</sup> What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup> but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup> Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup> as it is written,

Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.

**10** <sup>1</sup> Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

### The message of salvation to all

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.

<sup>19</sup> But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;  
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

I have been found by those who did not seek me;  
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.

<sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says,

All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.

## Cross References

Romans 9 v 30 – Romans 3 v 21, 22: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Romans 9 v 33 – Isaiah 28 v 16: Therefore thus says the Lord GOD,

Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,  
a stone, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:  
'Whoever believes will not be in haste'.

Romans 10 v 5 – Leviticus 18 v 5: “You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD...”

Romans 10 v 6 to 8 – Deuteronomy 30 v 11 to 14: “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it...”

Romans 10 v 13 – Joel 2 v 32: “And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved...”

Romans 10 v 15 – Acts 13 v 2 to 4: While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus...

Romans 10 v 15 – Isaiah 52 v 7:

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,

who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'...

Romans 10 v 15 – John 3 v 16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10 v 15 – 1 Corinthians 15 v 3, 4: For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

Romans 10 v 16 – Isaiah 53 v 1:

Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Romans 10 v 18 – Psalm 19 v 4:

Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world...

Romans 10 v 19 – Deuteronomy 32 v 21:

They have made me jealous with what is no god;  
they have provoked me to anger with their idols.  
So I will make them jealous with those who are no people;  
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation...

Romans 10 v 20 – Isaiah 65 v 1:

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;  
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, 'Here am I, here am I,'  
to a nation that was not called by my name.

Romans 10 v 21 – Isaiah 65 v 2:

I spread out my hands all the day  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices...