

Justification by Faith Reconciled with the Promise Made to Israel – Part 2

Romans 10

- Paul has not been to R when he writes, in Acts 20:2-3. He makes it there ~4yrs later
- Church comprised of Jewish Christians & Gentile Christians – clash of cultures now one in Christ
- Ch. 9 begins a discussion showing how Israel had the ability to be justified in a sense. Ch. 10 continues that thought with a plea.

1. Paul's Desire for the Jews' Salvation – Romans 10:1-4

- 1: Brethren – Chr.; Them – Jews. Phillips: “From the bottom of my heart.” Are we the same?
- 2: testify: bear witness on the basis of first-hand knowledge; zeal: zēlos: to boil, be hot
- 3: favorite hymn of many: “I Did it My Way”
- 4: end: termination; McCord: goal

2. Faith as the Basis for Salvation – Romans 10:5-13

- 5: cannot attain righteousness by law-keeping; shall live – will find life, Lev. 18:5
- 6-8: Abyss: bottomless; Heaven – highest; almost duplicates Deut. 30:11-14; don't have to do superhuman tasks, ascend high or low, to find righteousness
- 9: [1] praying for Israel's salvation; [9] how to be saved. Fact: God raised Jesus from dead.
- 10: in naturall & chron. order; same purpose: to be saved, justified; does not teach 'faith only'
- 11: back to Isa. 28:16
- 12: 3:22 no distinction on basis for need of salvation. Here, no distinction on basis of salvation.
- 13: call: invoke Name for help; Joel 2:32; Peter: Ac. 2:22 then commands baptism, 38

3. The Need for Preaching to Produce Faith – Romans 10:14-17

- God's plan for creating faith in people's hearts; since it is God's plan, it is perfect.
- 14,15a: implied answer: “*they can't!*”

1. Divine commission: preach > sent?

2. Preaching the Gospel: hear w/o preacher? [Herald in GK, not just in pulpit]

3. Hearing w/ understanding & acceptance: believe in not heard?

P wrote in a day when many didn't read. Hear, hearing, heard – GK – acoustic

4. Response in obedient faith: call on Him not believed?

5. Calling on the name of the Lord

- 15b: Isa. 52:7: bringing good news of release from Babylonian captivity
- 16: they: Jews: did not hear all the good news; heed: *heart* + *under*: submission & obedience
- 17: perfect plan – what messed it up? The Jews themselves

4. The Jews' Rejection of the Message – Romans 10:18-21

- 18: P knew Jews had a difficulty accepting it was their fault. Objection №1: not heard; Ps. 19:4 – Jews given the opportunity to obey.
- 19: №2: not really understand; should have known and understood > all foretold in Scripture
- 20: Isa. 65:1: rebellious Israel: Gentiles allowed Gospel message to touch their hearts
- 21: what was the problem? Stubborn Jews; Isa. 65:2 – nation of Israel's story was one of unbelief & disobedience
- NASB: obstinate
- Any hope for the Jews? God wraps His loving arms around them in Ch. 11

Lessons:

1. We should be like Paul and desire for all to be saved. A daily question should be: "Am I doing something that will bring others to Christ today?"
2. God's plan of saving man is perfect. When we preach, we need to preach the same perfect plan. Doing so will get us the same results.
3. If we fully present the Gospel to someone and they don't obey, it is only their fault. They cannot blame their failure in this life on anyone but themselves.

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