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PAUL'S SORROW FOR THE JEWS

ISRAEL REJECTS CHRIST (Romans 10:1-15)

It would have been good if there was not a break between Romans 9:30-33 and 10:1-13.

Before Paul continues his argument on the Righteousness of God, he pauses a moment to stress a point on a special thought.

1. What did Paul say was his heart's desire and prayer for Israel? (Romans 10:1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. (a) What did Paul say in Romans 10:2, that Israel has? \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) What was their zeal lacking? (Romans 10:2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Jews always prided themselves in their zeal for God, but it was with the lack of knowledge.

3. (a) Paul said in Romans 10:3 the Jews were ignorant of something. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (b) What were they going about doing? (Romans 10:3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) What were they not doing? (Romans 10:3) \_\_\_\_\_  
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There is a great contrast between the righteousness of God and their own righteousness (1) The righteousness of God through faith; and (2) The righteousness they hoped to attain by their own

merits; which turned their endeavors into sin. God had revealed to them His method of righteousness, a much easier way, but they would not submit to it. Paul said they had remained ignorant.

Paul, remembering his own former conduct, says in verse 2, "*I bear them record.*"

4. Who does Paul say *is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth*? (Romans 10:4)

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Only through Christ can we be forgiven and accepted. No one has ever succeeded in obeying the Mosaic Law, so the whole world stands guilty before God (Romans 3:19-20).

For Moses wrote that of a person could be perfectly good and hold out against temptation all his life and never sin once, only then could he be pardoned and saved. But the salvation that comes through faith says, "You don't need to search the heavens to find Christ and bring Him down to help you," and, "You don't need to go among the dead to bring Christ back to life again (Romans 10:5-7LB).

For salvation that comes from trusting Christ---which is what we preach---is already within easy reach of each of us; in fact, it is as near as our own hearts and mouths. For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with

with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation (Romans 10:8-10 LB).

Before God, Paul's striving was sin in it's highest manner of self-righteousness (Romans 7:14-25).<sup>1</sup>

5. What does Paul say the scripture saith in Romans 10:11? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What did you learn from Romans 10:14,15 about how important it is for the lost to hear a preacher? \_\_\_\_\_

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*HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THEM  
THAT PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, AND  
BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!*

(Romans 10:15).

ISRAEL REJECTS THE PROPHETS (Romans 10:16-21)

Everyone that hears the gospel does not welcome it. In Isaiah 53:1, Isaiah the prophet said, *LORD, WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT?* (Romans 10:16).

1. (a) In Romans 10:17, how does faith come? \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Hearing what? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who was Isaiah referring to as *...a disobedient and gainsaying people* in Isaiah 65:2 and Romans

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1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Romans p. 214.