

Romans 10: 1 – 15

Previously Paul says in chapter 9 that everything was going for Israel yet they missed their way. Why?

Answer 1, Not all Israel were believers before or now.

Answer 2, If God had not acted in grace and mercy there would have been none at all



THE STORY
SO FAR

Romans 10: 1 -2

Paul's heart's desire (as in 9:1 – 3)

The Jews are zealous for God

The Jews are enthusiastic but without knowledge [of Messiah]

Contrast Luther and Saul of Tarsus. It is a basic misunderstanding to think they experienced the same challenge.



How can I find a merciful God
by “Works” righteousness?



Already ‘accepted’ on the basis
of the “works of the Law”
Philippians 3:5-6



Didn't know the **righteousness of God**
(NIV etc. interpretation)-Rom. 1:17
what God has done FOR them in Christ



'Establish their own' = they base their
acceptance on the "signs" they possessed
eg circumcision etc.



Leading to pride in exclusivity, therefore
"did not SUBMIT to God's way"
(a clue in word used?)

A really important verse and again generally misunderstood because of the usual view of salvation

Christ is the end of the Law

(note should be capital 'L' = TORAH)

There are two possible meanings of the Greek word "telos" translated here as "end".

(We get the word 'television' etc. from it)

1, finished



2, goal/objective/purpose



The way we understand the verse can be either :-

1, **finished**

Jesus fulfils the Law and so now it is cancelled/ended (standard view)

2, **goal/objective/purpose**

The law points to Christ who fulfils it's penalties AND enables his life to work in the believer.



Which one is right?



or



- 1, In Romans 6: 21 – 22 Paul uses the same Greek word.
(21)The **result** is death, (22)The **result** is eternal life.
- 2, 1 Timothy 1 :5 says “The **purpose** of this command is love”.
- 3, The supreme aim of the Law for the believer is “Love God,
and love your neighbour”
- this command has not ENDED at all.



So Romans 10:4 ***‘Christ is the end of the Law’*** means:-

Christ is the one to which the Law points and brings to pass the aim of the Law so that God’s righteous work in salvation may be available for all.

FOR (This word starting verse 5 is missing in translations.
It should be there. It is an important connection)

It shows that Moses is going to illustrate both the role of the Law and the place of faith (quoting from the TORAH!)

1, **The way of the Law**

(Leviticus 18:5)

“The man who does this will live.”

(Unfortunately sin prevented this.

Rom. 7)



2, The way of faith

(Deuteronomy 30:12) 40 years later!

a, Don't try going up to heaven to get it.

(Jesus has already come down)

b, Don't go down to the grave to get it.

(Jesus has already been there and has risen)



“What does it say?”

It's not necessary because it is so close:
Just trust in what God has done for you
in Jesus.



Note the context of quote from Deuteronomy 30:12
(Blessing is promised for Israel **AFTER** they repent and turn
back to God)

We will see how this works out in Romans 11 !

The Gospel is for everyone.

“If you confess with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord’

(acknowledge Him and live it out)

(1 Cor. 12 only by the Spirit)

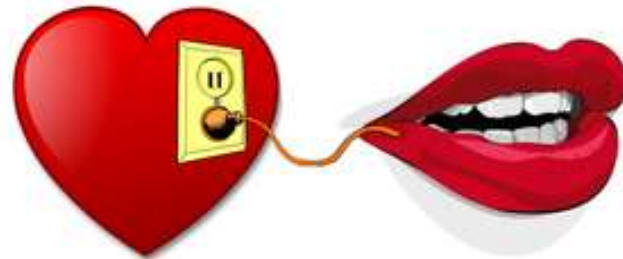
and

believe in your heart ‘ God raised him from the dead’

(internal reality accepting his atonement)

you will be saved.”

(at the final judgement and delivered in the present)



With your heart you believe and are justified

(declared accepted as God’s child)

With mouth you confess (not simply saying the words)

and are saved.” (It works in your life)

“As Scripture says”

(note Paul’s view of Bible just the same as Jesus!)

***“Anyone who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”***

(You won’t regret it)

This applies to both
Jews and gentiles

since there is ONE LORD who is

***LORD of ALL who richly
blesses ALL who ‘call’ on him.***

(action of trusting)





Verse 13 quotes the prophet Joel 2:32

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

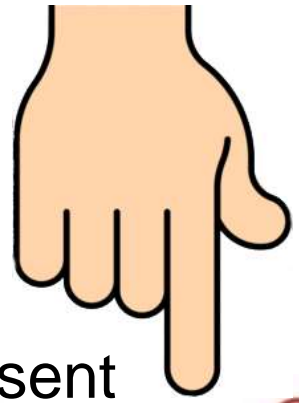
Note the context

1, **LORD** in Joel = **Lord** in Acts 2 and here
= Jesus is God's Salvation

2, These blessings follow the coming of the Holy Spirit .

Salvation Sequence

(Paul takes them in reverse order)



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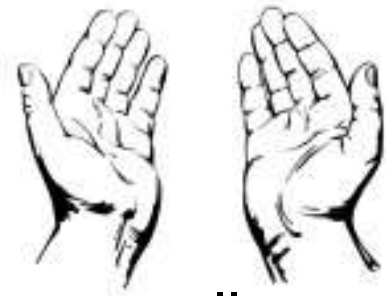
preach



hear(obey)



believe



call



saved

***“As it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of those
who bring good tidings.”***

The context of Isaiah 52:7 gives us
a clue to what is coming in Chapter 11

See Isaiah 52: 5 – 8

God has not finished with Israel !

