

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 119--Romans 10

Introduction: In the latter part of Romans nine Paul begins to explain why the Jews were not enjoying the blessings of the Abrahamic promise. They excluded themselves from these blessings by pursuing the Law as if righteousness were by works rather than by faith. Now in chapter ten Paul shows that the righteousness of faith was and still is available to the Jews. They are not God's people because they haven't heard, but because they have to this point refused to listen.

Lesson aim: To show that salvation is available to all who call upon the name of the Lord. If man is lost, it is because of his refusal to listen to the gospel.

The contrast between salvation by works and salvation by faith--Rom. 10:1-15

1. What was Paul's desire and prayer to God? (v. 1)
2. Were the Jews zealous for God? (v. 2) What did they lack? What did this cause them to do? (v. 3)
3. Who is the "end" of the Law for righteousness? (v. 4) That is for whom?
4. If one practices the Law without failure, what did Moses say that man would do? (v. 5)
5. Is it necessary to go to heaven or descend into the abyss to find out what the message of faith says? (v. 6-7) Where did Paul say the message was? (v. 8) Who did he say was preaching it?
6. What is the message of faith? (v. 9) "With the _____ man _____ resulting in righteousness; and with the _____ confession is made unto _____." (v. 10)
7. What had the Scriptures said about those who believe in the Christ? (v. 11) About those who call upon the name of the Lord? (v. 12-13) Can all men who do this be saved?

8. What two things must happen before someone can call upon the name of the Lord? (v. 14)
9. What is essential in order for people to hear? (v. 14) What is essential for men to preach? (v. 15)

The Jews cannot plead ignorance now--Rom. 10:16-21

1. Did the Jews listen to the message that God gave them? (v. 16) What prophet spoke of their rejection of the Christ? (See your references on v. 16)
2. " _____ comes by hearing; and hearing by the _____ of _____ " (v. 17).
3. Could the Jews say they had never heard the gospel? (v. 18) What proof did Paul give?
4. Could the Jews say they did not know? (v. 19) Could we say that the Jews were warned at the beginning and throughout the days of their covenant with God of the possibility of unbelief? (v. 19)
5. With what words of God did Isaiah describe the Jews? (v. 20-21)