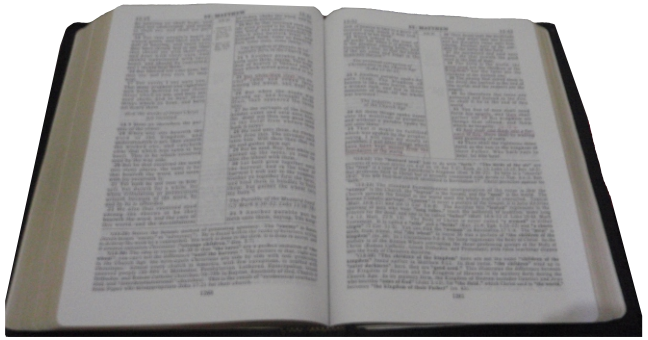
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Romans
10

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Romans 10- Israel's Relationship to God- Presently

- Chapter 10 is the middle of the three-chapter section dealing with Israel's relationship to God

- # 10 in the Bible is the number for Gentiles.

- So right here in the middle of a section dealing with Israel's relationship to God is the greatest chapter in the Bible dealing with Gentile salvation.

- Why?

- Because God is showing that right now in the Church Age there is NO DIFFERENCE in how individual Jews and Gentiles get saved

- Rom. 10:11-13

- 1Cor. 12:13

- God is also using the salvation of the Gentiles to get the attention of the Jews

- Rom. 10:19

- God wants to correct the Jews in their national and religious conceit.

10:1- Paul had a "hearts desire and prayer" that Israel as a nation would be saved.

- Rom. 9:3

- Every believer needs to constantly monitor his hearts desires and motives.

- Exactly what are my motives?

- 2Cor. 5:14a- For the love of Christ constraineth us

- A believer's greatest desire ought to be to see others get saved.

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- Acts 1:8

10:2- The Jews are an example of misguided zeal

- This verse applies to many religious groups today.

- Many are zealous in their religious beliefs, and do more than most Christians but it is still a false gospel.

- The Cause- Biblical ignorance and watered down modern perversions of the scriptures to the point now where there is much confusion, even a lack of understanding of salvation.

- The Devil's main goal is to distort the clear gospel of Jesus Christ.

- There is but one true plan of salvation

- Gal. 1:6-9

- Rom. 15:1-4

- Why do something with zeal when it is the wrong thing to do in the first place?

- Being busy with religious activities and good deeds without focussing on true fellowship with Jesus Christ is wrong.

10:3- Summary of man's main problem

- Personal righteousness and being proud of it.

- Here is the crux of the matter: - Is salvation earned

  1- By good works and self-righteousness or

  2- By grace through faith whereby we receive the righteousness of God himself?

- It's that prideful attitude that says: I'm not perfect, but I'm better than most people I know, I deserve to go to heaven

10:3- Going about to establish

- That is good works for salvation

- Eph. 2:8-9

- Lost people don't go to hell because of the sins they commit

- They reject the sin payment Jesus made at the cross and doing so they refuse the righteousness of Jesus Christ

- When anyone rejects Jesus Christ they are actually proclaiming that they are better than Jesus and don't need His righteousness in order to have a right relationship with God, and that's wrong

- Even though they might not say it.

- To receive God's righteousness we must submit ourselves to what God says

- We must turn away from self-righteousness and receive the gift of His righteousness.

- Rom. 10:3

- What sends a man to hell is his refusal and rejection of the free salvation that has been offered to him.

10:19- Foolish nation

- Nation singular- refers to saved Gentiles

- Rom. 11:11

- So God is using saved Gentile dogs to provoke His own people to jealousy and anger.

- Lk. 4:24-30- OT example

- Two of God's OT dealings with Gentiles

  - The widow woman of Zarephath

  - 1Kg. 17

  - Naaman the Syrian leper

  - 2Kg. 5

  - These two made the Jews so mad they tried to kill Jesus.

- NT example

- Acts 22:17-24- Note the reference to Gentiles in **22:21**

10:21- Isa. 65:2

- God is seeking the souls of men throughout their lifetimes.

- But people are disobedient to God and are gainsayers

- They speak against the things of God.

- People unwittingly want to hold on to their own self righteousness.

- Reason- Spiritual ignorance and blinded minds

- 2Cor. 4:4

10:4- The work of Jesus Christ is complete and sufficient.

- Heb. 12:2

- Not "end of the law" in the sense that a believer ceases from a need for practical righteousness in his daily life in order to remain in fellowship with God.

- Jesus is the only man to completely keep the Law

- Mt. 5:17

- When Jesus died on the cross and He became that once-and-for-all blood atonement for sin.

- It ended the time of the OT when righteousness was attributed to a man according to how he kept the Law.

- Positional righteousness in the Church Age is not attaining some self-righteousness to gain favor with God.

- But it is about receiving the imputed righteousness of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

10:4- To every one that believeth

- God's righteousness is imputed to those who believe when a person trusts Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

10:5-7- Contrast of "righteousness which is of faith" Verses righteousness which is by the Law

- in the OT prior to calvary, righteousness was by obeience to the Mosaic Law.

- When a man sinned, proper animal sacrifices were made for him to remain “safe or in right relationship with God”

- And he had faith in God that these sacrifices kept him in right relationship with God.

- He had to continue this pattern until he died.

- If he did so then his souls would go to Abraham’s bosom, Paradise and await the atonement of Jesus Christ at Calvary

- After Calvary Jesus went to the heart of the earth and preached the gospel the OT saint would then place his faith in Jesus Christ and was taken out of the captivity of Abraham’s bosom Paradise and taken up to Heaven with Jesus.

- Mt. 12:40

- 1Pet. 3:19

- 1Pet. 4:6

- In the OT, a person could not be fully saved because Jesus had not yet made the permanent sacrifice for sin at Calvary

- OT Salvation example- Owning a house or mortgage

    - The house is not yours until the debt is fully paid.

- Christ paid that debt on Calvary.

- Righteousness in the NT after Calvary is the free gift of imputed righteousness given to a believer the moment he trusts Jesus Christ alone for salvation

- Tit. 3:5-6

10:18- Ps. 19:4

- God makes sure all lost people have a preacher

- God gives all men a chance to be saved.

- Tit. 2:11

- Jh. 1:9

- Rom. 1:19

- Ps. 19:1-3- We see that even day, night, and the heavens declare God to lost people by:

- Showing there is a Creator and the 3 types of rays from the sun depict God is a trinity.

- The red setting sun depicts the shed blood and death of the Lord.

- The sun comes up every morning depicting the Lord’s resurrection and 2nd Coming

- The moon is a type of the local church and reflects the sun, depicting the reflection believers have of the sun- son

- Mal. 4:2

10:19-20- Don’t Israel know? - Yes

10:19- Deu. 32:21

10:20- Isa. 65:1

- Deu. 32:20- Shows that Israel was a nation described as **“children in whom is no faith”**

- Believing the report that God gave of His Son and trusting Jesus and Jesus alone for salvation.

- Tit. 3:5

- To obey the Gospel is to change your mind from your own way of salvation (or from unbelief) and toward God through trusting Jesus Christ alone.

- Acts 20:21

- Acts 26:20

- Result- Some people will believe and receive the Gospel and some will reject

- Acts 28:24- And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not

10:17- How do people obtain faith in Jesus Christ

- It's not only that faith cometh by hearing the word of God which is true

- It is also that the hearing of the word of God with a willingness to receive its truth.

- It is trusting that the word of God is the right way of salvation and then acting upon it by believing on Jesus Christ as your Saviour and forsaking all other ways of salvation.

- If you choose to act on the truth that God gives you from His word, then God will give you more truth.

- If you reject it, then even the truth you have will be taken away.

- Mt. 13:12

- In the OT, a person's flesh was connected with his soul and whatever defiled the flesh also defiled his soul.

- Eze. 18:20- The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

- Eze. 18:24b- ...and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

- In the NT, when a believer places his trust in Jesus alone for his salvation, the Holy Ghost of God performs a spiritual circumcision.

- Holy Ghost takes the word of God and cuts your soul loose from your sinful flesh.

- Col. 2:11-12

- Heb. 4:12

- Then the sinner's soul is washed in the blood of Christ and made clean.

- Rev. 1:5

10:6-8- Deu. 30:11-14

10:6- Nobody can force Christ to leave his seat in Heaven at the right hand of God the Father and come down here to earth.

10:7- Nobody is going to find Christ in some tomb here on earth, because:

- Mt. 28:6- He is not here: for he is risen, an he said Come, see the place where the Lord lay

- Jesus has already died once for all, but will return in his own timing.

- God demonstrated his love for sinners by making provision through Jesus Christ for every person's salvation at the cross of Calvary.

- Rom. 5:8

10:8- Word of faith

- That is what we preach the word of faith

10:8- The word is nigh thee, even in thy **mouth**, and in thy **heart**,

- Meaning that anyone who desires to get saved will be given the necessary light and opportunity to point him to the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

- John 1:9

- Tit. 2:11

- Notice the word **Faith** alone, all by itself

- By God's design, the word of God is to be preached

- 1Cor. 1:18

10:9-10- Explain how to be saved and believe the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.

10:9- Thou shalt be saved

- One of the greatest promises in the bible

- We must pay close attention

10:9- Confess with thy mouth

- Is to admit, declare, or agree with God's record of us that we are sinners before God.

10:15- This is the peace God gives every believer who has trusted Jesus Christ for salvation.

- Jh. 14:27, 16:33

- 1Cor. 14:33

- Col. 3:15

- Ps. 29:11

- God says how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace.

- You can always be sure you are in God's perfect will anytime you are preaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Eph. 6:15

- Any believer that is not active in evangelizing the Gospel is not in the will of God.

10:16- Isa. 53:1

- God's record/report of Jesus Christ is in the rest of **Isa. 53**

- Isaiah was prediction the nation of Israel would reject their Messiah Jesus Christ and the Gospel message of faith in Jesus Christ.

- A person must believe the Gospel on God's terms by faith alone in Jesus Christ.

- Obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ is equated with believing- Heart belief not head facts.

- Obeying the Gospel is not doing works of righteousness to merit salvation.

10:14-15a- The progression of the Gospel from God to man in reverse order.

- God sends out the Gospel both by preachers as well as through all Christians who witness and give out tracts

- Ph. 1:12-18

- 10:14- Some brethren use the gospel as a weapon instead of a tool to lead people to Christ.

- 1Cor. 1:17- Paul was sent to preach

- The **cross of Christ** is to be the thing that makes the Gospel effective, not Paul's wisdom of words.

- The true Gospel needs to be preached, not some self righteousness or works gospel

- Every Christian should be preaching the Gospel to the lost in some way.

- 1Cor. 15:34

10:15b- Isa. 52:7

- Nahum 1:15- This is a message of peace

- Here Paul uses verses that apply doctrinally to the 2nd Advent and the Millennium and applies them to the Church Age.

- Isa. 52:7- speaks of that permanent peace that comes when Jesus reigns as King in Jerusalem during the Millennium.

- Nahum 1:15- speaks of a temporary peace where God delivers Judah out of the hand of Sennacherib

- Rom. 5:6

- In addition, we must confess that we believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to get to Heaven and agree, admit or declare a heart's trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

10:9- That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus.

- It didn't say confess that Jesus as Lord as some of the modern perversions say

- Mt. 12:34

- Lk. 6:45

- The Bible also does not say, that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth **all thy sins**

10:9- Believe in thine heart

- What does it mean to believe in thine heart?

- It is not just head knowledge of a set of facts.

- Heart belief is to totally rely on, depend on, believe on, and trust on Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection for your salvation.

- You must see that Jesus died for you personally.

- Believing in the resurrection makes the atonement effective to a sinner.

- It's what brings a spiritual change in a believer's life.

- 1Cor. 15:1-4, 17

- Without the resurrection, there can be no new man

- Rom. 6:4

- Many gospel tracts and people use 1Jh. 1:9 to get people to confess and repent of their sins in order to get saved.

- But that verse has nothing to do with salvation at all.

- Confession of sins is not salvation.

- Mt. 27:3-5- Judas confessed his sins

- Nu. 22:34- Balaam confessed his sin

- Ex. 10:16-17- Pharaoh confessed his sin

- Every one of them ended up in hell after he had confessed his sin

- 1Jh. 1:9- Is about staying in fellowship with God after salvation.

- Repentance is that change of mind that results in trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation and turning your back on anything else you may have been trusting for your salvation

- Water baptism, church membership, tithing, good works, keeping the 10 commandments, living by the sermon on the mount, or the golden rule etc.

- Tit. 3:5-6

- Ps. 11:3- If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

10:11- Rom. 9:33 similar to the last phrase

- Isa. 28:16, 49:23

10:11- Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed

- While we should not be ashamed to witness to others about Jesus Christ now.

- This verse is referring to a time of future judgment.

- When the lost are cast into the Lake of Fire.

- Believers at that time will not be ashamed or embarrassed of having trusting Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

10:12-13- Whosoever

- The whosoever of **10:13** is defined here in **10:12**

- Defined as Jew or Gentile, not the elect under some Calvinist predestination scheme.

- Both Jews and Gentiles today are saved exactly same way.

- Rom. 3:22

- Gal. 3:28

- **Whosoever** means any person can be saved by simply trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

- Rom. 1:16

- God made it simple and easy to be saved, and salvation is available to each and every person.