

"God's Relationship with Israel"

Romans 9-11

Part 17

Introduction: As we return to our study in Romans, we are currently looking at Romans 10 and we are looking at verses that deal with salvation.

Notice Romans 10:9-10

In verse 10 we see the order of salvation. It begins within the heart. Man is confronted with his sin and see his need of a Savior, he then believes with the heart what the Bible says about Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God, that He died on the cross for our sins, that He was buried and He rose from the dead on the third day. This is when God then justifies the sinner, save him and places the heart of Jesus Christ within him. The sinner is then changed from the inside out and the **EVIDENCE** of the change within is the confession. Confession is not a requirement for salvation, but it is the proof that a man's heart has been changed. Confession is the natural result or evidence of salvation. We do not confess Jesus Christ in order to be saved but we confess Jesus Christ because we ARE saved. When a person is truly saved it is not possible for them to contain the joy within them. Someone has said that BELIEVING is the root and CONFESSION is the fruit.

Notice Romans 10:11

The Bible is very clear that whoever places their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation will not be ashamed of Him. Last week we did discuss how not all who confess Jesus Christ are saved. There are many who have a head knowledge of Jesus but not a heart knowledge. They "profess" they know Him, but their practice does not match their profession. When someone is truly saved it will be evidenced by a changed life and a confession. But a confession is not evidence without a changed life.

Titus 1:15-16

¹⁵ Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

²² *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

²³ *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

This now brings us to where we are in our study tonight.

God's Relationship with Israel in the Present

Part 5

Romans 10

Notice Romans 10:12

The phrase "*for there is no difference*" is also used in Romans 3.

Romans 3:21-23

²¹ *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*

²² *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

²³ *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

The righteousness of God is made available to ALL because ALL have sinned and ALL need it.

Notice Romans 10:12 again.

The idea here is that salvation is the same for both Jew and Gentile. The "WAY" is the same for both. There is not one way for the Gentiles and another for the Jews. The way of salvation for both is by FAITH in what the Bible says about Jesus. It is not by faith for the Gentiles and by the Law for the Jews. Whoever believes in Jesus Christ with a saving faith receives eternal life.

John 3:14-18

¹⁴ *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Notice Romans 10:12 again.

The Lord pours out His wealth to ALL who exercise saving faith whether it be Jew or Gentile.

Ephesians 1:3-13

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us [THE CHURCH] with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴ According as he hath chosen us [THE CHURCH] in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷ In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

⁸ Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

¹¹ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

¹² That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

¹³ *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*

This is just a short list of the wealth we have in Jesus Christ. I say this is a SHORT list because of what Paul recorded in Ephesians 3.

Ephesians 3:8

⁸ *Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;*

Notice Romans 10:13

Here is a wonderful verse that lets us know that salvation is available to **ALL** who call upon Jesus Christ. It is NOT limited to any. The promise is for anyone who will call upon the Lord. We need to understand here what is meant by "calling" upon the name of the Lord. This is not just a casual calling upon Jesus. This must be understood in the proper context. Again, the Holy Spirit presupposes that the reader has already read through the Doctrine of Condemnation. The Spirit presupposes that the one doing the calling is under conviction, that they see their true spiritual condition and that they understand they have sinned against God. This person then sees and understands what Jesus Christ did for them and they then call upon Him for forgiveness. This person believes that Jesus is the Way of forgiveness. The person who does the calling is one who sees themselves as lost with no hope apart from Jesus Christ.

I point this out because there are many who claim to call upon the Lord, but they do not understand that they have sinned against God. They have not come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and so they are still lost.

Luke 18:18-23

¹⁸ *And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*

¹⁹ *And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.*

²⁰ *Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.*

²¹ *And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.*

²² Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

²³ And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

This man was not under conviction for he did not see his own sinfulness and therefore he was not saved. Jesus confronted him with the Law, but the man still refused to see his true condition. The man had two problems, he was trusting in his own righteousness and he loved the world.

Let me say one more thing about calling upon the name of the Lord, it is not the calling that saves the person, it is faith, believing in the heart that Jesus Christ died for you , was buried and rose again on the third day. Calling upon the name of the Lord is not a condition of salvation, but it is an outward expression of an inward faith.

Notice Romans 10:14-15

Here in these verses we see the reverse order of a sinner coming to Jesus Christ.

1. They call.
2. They believe.
3. They hear.
4. Someone preaches the Gospel.
5. Someone is sent to preach the Gospel.

We are the "preachers" of the Gospel today. We all have the responsibility of sharing the message of the Gospel.

Mark 16:14-16

¹⁴ Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

It is our responsibility to go into the world which may be your workplace and there you are to share the Gospel. If we do not preach people will not hear and if they do not hear they cannot believe, nor can they call upon the name of the Lord.

We pray for people to be saved but we must understand that if they do not hear they cannot get saved. It is like a man who prays for a good crop in his field but never sows any seed. If the seed is not sown there can be no fruit and it is the same way with the Gospel. If people do not hear the Truth about sin and the Truth about the Gospel they cannot be saved. They cannot believe in something which they do not hear about.

Notice Romans 10:15 again.

I want us to notice the end of the verse that says, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

This is a reference taken from Isaiah 52.

Isaiah 52:7-9

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

⁸ Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

⁹ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The context here is the return of Judah from the Babylonian captivity. Israel was taken captive because of their sin and there would come a day when that captivity would be over and the feet of the one who published the news of the end of the captivity were considered beautiful.

Paul then applies this to those who preach the Gospel. The world is captive because of sin and the Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ can set the captive free.

Luke 4:16-19

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

¹⁷ And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance

to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

We are obligated to the people around us to share the Gospel with them. Notice what Paul said in Romans 1.

Romans 1:14-17

¹⁴ I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

¹⁵ So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Paul felt he was obligated to all people. He had heard the Gospel and he knew others needed the same message. He knew it was wrong for him to keep within himself the message that would set people free and save their souls. He had been blessed to hear and so others needed to hear also.

Conclusion:

"A missionary was preaching in the village market, and some of the people were laughing at him because he was not a very handsome man. He took it for a time, and then he said to the crowd, "It is true that I do not have beautiful hair, for I am almost bald. Nor do I have beautiful teeth, for they are really not mine; they were made by the dentist. I do not have a beautiful face, nor can I afford to wear beautiful clothes. But this I know: **I HAVE BEAUTIFUL FEET! GOD TELLS ME SO!**" He then quoted the verses found in Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:15."

Proverbs 4:26-27

²⁶ Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

²⁷ Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.