

Comments About Romans 10

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I began a series of brief articles to discuss chapters in the book of Romans. This week, we will talk about chapter 10.

May this project encourage you to review the valuable history found in the book of Romans.

Clear description

In the beginning of chapter 10, the apostle Paul expressed his desire that Israel would be saved (verse 1).

Romans 10:1—"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."

It is my opinion that the next two verses give a clear description of self-righteousness. Before we look at those verses, I want to state some of my opinions about self-righteousness.

- Some people claim that self-righteousness is the greatest sin.
- I believe that there are certainly examples in the Bible where self-righteousness is a dangerous condition. Notice Luke 18:9-14 and Philippians 3:1-11.
- But I also believe that self-righteousness is often better than blatant unrighteousness.
- In the book of Job, I believe that Job was a good man (Job 1:1 and Job 2:3) based in part on good decisions and moral character. Yet, I believe that Job's trials helped him go to the next level.
- There is a great gulf between physical and spiritual (Luke 16:26)—between the spirit of man and the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:11).
- I believe that Romans 10:2-3 gives a clear description of self-righteousness.

Romans 10:2-3—"For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God."

Role of Christ

- Christ our Lord must be involved in a disciple's participation with the law (verse 4).

- Paul paraphrased Leviticus 18:5 (verse 5).
- Paul paraphrased Deuteronomy 30:12-14 (verses 6-8).
- Paul stated that, if people will confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their heart that God has raised Him from the dead, they will be saved (verse 9).
- The heart believes and the mouth confesses (verse 10).
- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 28:16 (verse 11).
- Paul reminded that there is no distinction between Jew and Greek (verse 12).

Romans 10:12—"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him."

Do you remember what Paul said in Romans 3:9?

Romans 3:9—"What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin."

- Paul paraphrased Joel 2:32 (verse 13).

Hearing the gospel

- Paul mentioned that believing comes after hearing, and that hearing comes from preaching (verse 14).

Romans 10:14—"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 52:7 and Nahum 1:15 (verse 15).
- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 53:1 (verse 16).
- Paul stated: Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (verse 17).
- Paul paraphrased Psalm 19:4 (verse 18).
- Paul paraphrased Deuteronomy 32:21 (verse 19).
- Paul paraphrased Isaiah 65:1-2 (verses 20-21).