

Salvation Drawn Near
Romans 10:1-21

The Problem: Why are all of the Jews not saved? Rom 9:1-5

1. Ans. #1: God's Promise Didn't Fail -- God Never Determined To Save All Jews. Rom 9:6-24
2. Ans. #2: God's Promise Didn't Fail -- God Never Said He'd Save All Jews. Rom 9:23-33
3. Ans. #3: God's Promise Didn't Fail -- The Jews Failure To Believe Was His Own Fault. Rom 10:1-21

The Jews Rejected God's Righteousness For Their Own Righteousness. Rom 10:1-4

1. Paul passionately prayed for his kinsmen's salvation. No hyper-calvinist here! Cf. Rom 9:1-3.
2. The Jews are zealous for God & sincerely *wrong*. Vs 2,3.
 - ♦ They did not know God's righteousness -- ignorance.
 - ♦ They sought to establish their own righteousness through their deeds -- pride.
 - ♦ They did not submit to God's righteousness (found in Christ) -- rebellion.
3. Christ is the end (τέλος: completion, end, purpose, fulfillment) of the Gods Law. Vs 4
 - ♦ The Law's moral demands drive us to Christ -- Who has totally kept them.
 - ♦ The Law's condemnation of sinners drives us to Christ -- Who completely bore it.
 - ♦ Only those who *believe* obtain God's righteousness.

An Analysis Of The Two Alternative Ways Of Seeking Righteousness. Rom 10:5-15.

1. The righteousness that comes through **Law** (Lev. 18:5) requires that: Vs 5.
 - ♦ you do it *all* (with nothing left out)
 - ♦ you do it *all the time* (with no mistakes)
 - ♦ you do it with *all your personality* (in your heart, soul, mind & strength).
2. The righteousness that comes through **faith** (Deut 3:12-14) requires that: Vs 6-12.
 - ♦ *You not* seek to *do* any additional thing (The Gospel of Christ alone is powerful to save)
 - ♦ *you not* seek additional *revelation* (The Gospel is completely revealed)
 - ♦ *you not* seek *miracles* (The Gospel is God's adequate witness: Mt 12:38f; Lk 16:19f)
 - ♦ this righteousness is *not beyond* you, it's accessible, understandable, available, perfect.
 - ♦ you *confess* Jesus as your Lord (God, Savior, Risen, Ruler of your life)
 - ♦ *and* you *believe* this in your heart (foundation of your being)
 - ♦ This righteousness is yours by believing.
3. How the righteousness that comes through faith is **dispensed**: Vs 13-15.
 - ♦ In order to be saved one must *believe* the Gospel message.
 - ♦ In order to believe one must *hear* the Gospel message.
 - ♦ In order to hear the Gospel message someone *preach* it.
 - ♦ In order to preach someone must be *sent out* (by Christ, apostles, His Church).
 - ♦ The Scripture affirms the blessedness of those who proclaim the Gospel. Isa 52:7

How The Jews Rejected The Message Of Righteousness Through Faith. Rom 10:16-21.

1. The Jews rejected the Gospel message, as Scripture affirms. Isa 53:1.
2. The Jews rejected the Gospel message that they *heard*, as Scripture affirms. Psm 19:4.
3. The Jews rejected the Gospel message that they *understood*, as Scripture affirms.
 - ♦ The Gentiles (not Jews) were the ones who did not understand it. Deut 32:21; Isa 65:1.
 - ♦ The Jews were continually resistant & recalcitrant toward the God they *knew*. Isa 65:2.