

The Outstretched Arms Of God
Romans 10:16-21

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

1. Ans. #1: God Never Determined To Save All Jews. Rom 9:6-24
2. Ans. #2: God Never Said He'd Save All Jews. Rom 9:23-33
3. Ans. #3: The Jew's Failure To Believe Was His Own Fault. Rom 10:1-21

Outline of Romans 10: The Righteousness That Comes Through Faith -- Rejected By Jews

1. The Jews Rejected God's Righteousness For Their Own Righteousness. Rom 10:1-4
2. An Analysis Of The Two Alternative Ways Of Seeking Righteousness. Rom 10:5-15.
 - ♦ The imperfection of righteousness that comes through Law: Vs 5.
 - ♦ The perfection of righteousness that comes through Faith: Vs 6-10.
 - ♦ The righteousness that comes thru faith is not beyond you, it's yours thru faith. Vs 11-13
 - ♦ How the righteousness that comes through faith is dispensed thru preaching: Vs 14-15.
3. How The Jews Rejected This Message Of Righteousness Thru Faith. Rom 10:16-21.

How The Jews Rejected God's Saving Righteousness Rom 10:16-21

1. The Jews rejected the glad tidings! Vs 16-17
 - ♦ This "*however*" is one of the saddest in all Scripture.
 - ♦ Proof the Jews *did* reject the Gospel: Isa 53;1 the *clearest* Messianic text of OT.
 - ♦ Principle of accountability-to-the-Gospel: *Hearing* it.
 - ♦ Here's a *realistic* reminder: The beautiful news will be rejected. Isa 52:7; 53;1. Cf Mt 13.
2. Excuse #1: They are not responsible for rejecting the Gospel -- They never *heard* it. Vs 18.
 - ♦ *Oh yes they **did***. Ps 19:4!
 - ♦ They *heard* (ακουω, akouo, vs. 18) the *report* (ακοη, akoe, vs. 16,17)
 - ♦ This Psalm ties the OT Word of God to His undeniable general revelation
 - ♦ I.E. The Word of God was as clearly before them as creation itself
3. Excuse #2: They are not responsible for rejecting the Gospel --They never *knew* it. Vs 19-20.
 - ♦ *Oh yes they **did***. Deut. 32:21; Isa 65:1,2!
 - ♦ They understood enough to be *jealous* when it was proclaimed to the Gentiles!
 - ♦ They were offended by the type of grace that gives righteousness to:
 - people who were not even God's people!
 - people who had no understanding!
 - people who did not even seek God!
 - ♦ They were offended by a God who refuses to play by our human rules & takes no note of our accomplishments
4. God's verdict: Vs 21.
 - ♦ They rejected God's continuous, compassionate, and costly grace
 - ♦ They were disobedient to His call -- obstinate to His love

But What About Us?

1. Everyone who hears His Gospel bears the same responsibility as Israel
2. God is calling *you*, today.