

Romans 10:10-13

Heart and Mouth

1. Context Review

- a. Last week, 1 verse. When you go in so close, step back and get the bigger picture.
- b. Unbelieving Israel was ignorant of the righteousness of God by faith - 10:2-3
 - i. The law no longer how righteousness comes, it is now of Christ - 10:4
- c. The law spoke of this righteousness of God by faith, when it spoke of these things:
 - 1) The Lord from heaven saving them from death - 10:6-7
 - 2) The word being in their heart and mouth - 10:8 (belief and confession)
- d. Now Christ is preached as the Lord from heaven raised from the dead (10:9)
 - i. Christ is what is now in their heart (belief) and mouth (confession)
 - ii. The point: Israel will be saved by faith, not law; by Christ not law.

2. 10:10 – Israel’s Confession unto Salvation

- a. v9 - “*thou shalt be saved*” - Israel’s confession unto salvation ← the Romans Road cliff.
 - i. The unsaved people in Romans 10 are unbelieving Israel. This for them.
 - ii. Ignoring 10:1, people make their prayer/confession/words their seal of salvation.
- b. “*with the heart...*” - Israel’s issue was a heart issue, the new covenant fixes this by faith.
- c. “*with the mouth*” - what will happen at Israel’s salvation -Phi 2:9-11, Isa 45:21-25
- d. Under Moses, they confessed one Lord, and believed the word of the law - Ps 119:41-46
 - i. Israel’s covenant required confessing the Lord to be saved - Deu 6:4, 2Ch 6:24-26
- e. When Christ came, Israel needed to confess His name -Mt 10:32-38, Jn 9:20-24, 12:42-43
 - i. This confession saves them from idolatry/antichrists – 1 John 4:1-3, 4:14-14, 2 Jo 7
- f. *Why did not Israel not get their promised salvation?* They did not believe or confess.
 - i. Their salvation will require heart belief and confession/submission to Jesus.

3. 10:11-13 – Whosoever Believes and Calls

- a. v11 - “*For the scripture saith*” – He is going to justify the heart and mouth from scripture.
- b. “*Whosoever believeth on him...*” - Also in 9:33 speaking of Israel’s need for faith - Isa 28:16
 - i. Most every word is different in Isa 28:16 except “believeth”, which is Paul’s point
 - ii. Isa 28 theme matches Rom 9-11 – why Israel did not get the times of refreshing.
 - iii. Isa 28:5 speaks of the residue that heard, 28:12-15 The rulers did not hear the word
- c. v12 - “*no difference between the Jew and Greek*” - as Rom 3:9,22 says proves all sinners
 - i. “*the same Lord over all*” - not a different Lord Jesus. Rom 3:29-31 (both need faith)
 - ii. There was a difference in Israel’s advantage/position/promises - Rom 9:4-5, Is 60:3
 - iii. “*is rich unto all*” - Rich with mercy and grace to both Jew and Greek.
 - iv. “*that call upon him*” -This mercy accessed by their confession - Psa 145:9, 18
 - v. If a Gentile calls on the Lord by faith, and law-abiding Jew doesn’t, who gets mercy?
- d. v13 - “*whosoever shall call ...*” – v11 was heart/belief, v13 is about mouth calling.
 - i. Joel 2:32 a reference to salvation in Israel’s kingdom come given to those that call.
 - ii. After the Lord in the midst of Israel, there will be Pentecost? Joel 2:27-31, Acts 2:16
 - iii. “Whosoever” here is not the mystery given to Paul, it is a conclusion of prophesy.

4. Not the Mystery Revealed to Paul

- a. Understanding God's manifold wisdom opens up all of Scripture for us to learn. 2 Tim 2:7
 - i. We can benefit in learning about God's wisdom through the ages.
- b. Nothing in this chapter concerns the revelation of the mystery given to Paul Rom 16:25
- c. Though Rom 10 speaks of salvation and faith and Christ, it is not yours, but Israel's.
 - i. Salvation by the Lord Christ was the subject of prophecy.
 - ii. Salvation not by works of the law was a lesson that could be learned from the law.
 - iii. The death and resurrection of Christ was something prophesied before.
 - iv. The need for faith for salvation is taught by the prophets (as Paul quotes them).
 - v. Jews and Gentiles were both sinners not a secret – God does not respect persons.
 - vi. That Gentiles would be saved, blessed, or given mercy was not a mystery.
 - vii. That the gospel would be preached to the world was not a mystery.
- d. You can believe all these things and know nothing more than Pentecostal Peter.
 - i. Paul uses law & prophets to witness truth about Christ for his kinsmen sake.
- e. The mystery gospel = the glory of the cross as your death and resurrection for salvation.
 - i. Salvation without works, law, circumcision, Israel, confession, baptism, or prayers.
- f. The mystery fellowship = one Body of Christ a new creature wherein is no Jew or Gentile
 - i. Not the same as "no difference between them" regarding sin, faith, mercy.
- g. The mystery timing = salvation being preached now without Israel's rise/kingdom.
 - i. Isa 28 and Joel 2 (10:11-13) speaks of Israel's return and salvation in their kingdom.
- h. The mystery dispensation = God's abundant grace given out of due time.
 - i. What God is doing now goes beyond what was in Israel's covenants. Rom 8:37-39
 - ii. What is in *our* hearts and mouths was "kept secret since the world began"