

ROMANS 40 – 10:11-18

Israel's Rejection of the Gospel

1. 10:11

- a. Belief was required for righteousness, and what they were to believe was Christ
- b. A mouth confesses what a heart believes; Jesus explained this – Matt 12:24, 30-37
- c. Notice the “thou” of Rom 10 is the unsaved Israelite in Jesus’ ministry to Israel
- d. Gentiles believed and confessed where Israel did not – Luke 7:1-8, Acts 10:34-36

2. 10:12

- a. *“no difference”* – regarding faith and law, not entitlements or positions in Christ
- b. There was a difference and advantage to Israel - Rom 3:1-2, 9:4-5; Deu 4:1-8
- c. Israel taught circumcised for salvation (follow the law) – Acts 15:1, Gal 2:4
- d. *But*, Gentiles couldn’t be justified by the law, Israel could not either – Rom 3:9,22
- e. Still, there is a Jew / Gentile difference in the kingdom – Isa 60:3, Rev 21:24
- f. The mystery is equal position in a new creature – 1 Cor 12:13, Eph 3:6, Col 3:11

3. 10:12-13

- a. *“for the same Lord...”* – tells you the reason for the no difference
- b. God separated Israel to prove no difference about sin/justification – Rom 3:19-20
- c. *“same Lord”* – This is the “one God” of Rom 3:30, Pro 22:2, Zech 14:9, Psa 103:19
- d. *“all that call upon him”* is a quote from Psalm 145:9, 18 about the kingdom
- e. *“shall call upon the name”* – a quote from Joel 2:32 which is also in Acts 2:17-21
- f. Call on the Lord was required to be part of the remnant inheriting the kingdom

4. 10:14-16

- a. *“shall they”* – Who are they? Israel in Joel 2 and at Pentecost
- b. Unbelieving Israel claimed they did not hear (10:6-7), but they had messengers
- c. Isaiah 52:7 is about Israel’s redemption, proclaimed by messengers – Luke 1:68
- d. John - John 1:6; Jesus – Matt 15:24, John 3:17, 20:21; Peter - Acts 10:35-36
- e. *“not all obeyed the gospel”* – Isa 53:1 is talking about Israel rejecting the Messiah
- f. Jesus was the minister in Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:21; Israel are ministers in Isa 61:6

5. 10:17-21

- a. Faith comes by hearing. Who was given the words to hear? Israel – John 1:11-14
- b. *“have they heard?”* – It was sent out for ears to hear - Isa 52:10, Mark 4:23-25
- c. The message was sent throughout - Mk 16:15, Acts 2:5, 8:4, 11:19, 28:22
- d. *“Did not Israel know?”* –Yes, the law and prophets told them - Deu 32:21, Isa 64-65
- e. Deu 32:21 was prophecy about Israel (which means it can’t be the Body of Christ)
- f. What did Israel know? God’s righteousness, salvation, the Christ, their sinfulness
- g. God said he would not establish his people if they lacked faith – Isa 7:9