

## Romans-Chapter 10

**Rom 10:1** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

- heart's desire- At this point Paul's thoughts and focus are still on "physical" Israel. His grief could only be settled when his kinsmen after the flesh (9:3) had embraced Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah. Along with having met Jesus on the road to Damascus, and through Old Testament prophecies, he understood that Jesus truly is the Messiah.

Act 9:22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by **proving that Jesus was the Christ.**

- Paul had such great sadness and a grief without end to the point of stating he prayed he would be accursed (*Gk.331-a [religious] ban, excommunicated*) from (*Gk.575-"off", that is, away [from something near]*) Christ. (*Rom 9:3*)  
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- might be saved- Paul understood free agency. He knew how the Jews were raised up according to the Law (*Deut 6:7*) and that it was even hard for him to convert (*Acts 22:3*). His zeal to save them was evidenced by the number of times he went boldly into the synagogues to preach. To do so he also understood he would suffer at the hands of those he tried to save.

Act 9:13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your Name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My Name before the Gentiles and kings **and the children of Israel.** 16 For I will show him **how much he must suffer** for the sake of My Name." (*Emp. added*)

Act 19:8 And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.  
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**Rom 10:2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

- I bear them record- Paul could personally vouch for the intense enthusiasm the Jews had for their religion because he....

Gal 1:14 ... was advancing in Judaism beyond many of [his] own age among [his] people, so extremely zealous was [he] for the traditions of [his] fathers.  
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- not according to knowledge- Their understanding of what God required had to change with the coming of the Messiah Who became a stumbling stone to them (9:32). (*They wouldn't believe that the promised Messiah could come in the form of a lowly carpenter from Nazareth.*) Zeal without knowledge can be dangerous. Paul understood this firsthand.

1Ti 1:13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy **because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief**, (*Emp. added*)

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**Rom 10:3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

- ignorant of God's righteousness - they deliberately ignored, thus were not concerned with, how to obtain God's justification through Christ.

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Isa 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and **all our** righteous deeds are like a **polluted garment**. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (*Emp. added*)

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Mar 7:7 **in vain do they worship Me**, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

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- their own righteousness- These Jews wanted to serve God in their own way, and were satisfied with the way things were but were not about to change, as was with Paul before he met Jesus. (*Things haven't changed over the centuries.*) This brings to mind what happened to the Jews who disobeyed God even though they were promised the land. But when they rebelled against Moses and didn't follow the **latest** instruction to return into the wilderness...

Num 14:40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the heights of the hill country, saying, "Here we are. We will go up to the place that the LORD has promised, for we have sinned." 41 But Moses said, "**Why now are you transgressing the command of the LORD**, when that will not succeed? 42 Do not go up, for the Lord is not among you, lest you be struck down before your enemies. 43 For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following the LORD, the LORD will not be with you." 44 But they presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country, although neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses departed out of the camp. 45 **Then** the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and defeated them and pursued them, even to Hormah. (*Emp. added*)

Those who **did** obey the latest command were permitted to return and enter the Promised Land.

Num 14:24 But My servant **Caleb, because he has a different spirit** and has **followed Me fully**, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it. (*Emp. added*)

Num 14:30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, **except Caleb** the son of Jephunneh **and Joshua** the son of Nun. (*Emp. added*)

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**Rom 10:4** For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

- end of the Law- Gk.5056- to *set out* for a definite point or *goal*.

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill** (Gk.4137-satisfy, finish[a period or task]) them.

*Joh 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.*

Luk 24:44 Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Col 2:14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Heb 9:26 for then He would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world (Gk.2889-kosmos). But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages (Gk.165-age; specifically Jewish]) to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

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- for righteousness- The purpose Christ came was to move the Law of ordinances out of the way so that justification can be found but only in Him. It was not attainable through it since no one could keep the Law perfectly except Christ. He told John the immerser the reason for His baptism was "to fulfill all righteousness" (Mat 3:15). The only way He could do that, "in bringing many sons to glory" (Heb 2:10), was for Him to come "in the likeness of sinful flesh" in order that "He [could condemn] sin in the flesh" (Rom 8:3). In other words, He had to become the Son of Man in order for us to become sons of God through His death on the cross because "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin" (Heb 9:22).

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- everyone-

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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- believeth- Gk.4100-to *have faith*; by implication to *entrust* (especially one's spiritual wellbeing to Christ) To trust Christ to save, one would have to obey Him and His word to be justified in God's sight.

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**Rom 10:5** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the Law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

- righteousness that is of the Law- abiding by every commandment perfectly.

Eph 2:15 by abolishing the law of **commandments** expressed in **ordinances**,.. (Emp. added)

Heb 9:1 Now even the first covenant **had regulations** for worship and an **earthly place of holiness.** *(Emp. added)*

Jas 2:10 For whoever **keeps the whole law** but **fails in one point** has become **accountable for all of it.** *(Emp. added)*

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- shall live by them- by keeping the whole law, there would be no sin with which to convict, thus the Law could save a person's soul according to Moses (*Lev 18:5*). There was only one sinless Individual Who kept the law perfectly.

Lev 18:5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My rules; **if a person does them, he shall live by them:** I am the LORD. *(Emp. added)*

Gal 2:16 yet we know that a person is **not justified by works of the law** but through faith in Jesus Christ (*the Gospel*), so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, **because by works of the Law no one will be justified.** *(Emp. added)*

Eph 2:8 For **by grace you have been saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9 not a result of works** (*Gk.2041- toil [as an effort or occupation]; by implication an act: -deed*), **so that** no one may boast. *(Emp. added)*

*“God outlined the works we are to perform to receive His great gift. Clearly, we do not act so as to save ourselves but to satisfy the Father's requirements.”* Gary Hampton

Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working (*Gk.1753- efficiency [“energy”]: -operation, strong, [effectual] working*) of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

- Baptism is a grace of God and any other teaching on the subject concerning salvation is a work of man. There are many false doctrines on how one is to obtain the salvation of their soul but the simple truth of the Bible **should** suffice.

Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through (*Gk.1223- dia*) Me.

Gal 3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ have put on Christ.** *(Emp. added)*

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**Rom 10:6** But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

**Rom 10:7** Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

- righteousness which is of faith- from two Greek words: 1343- *justification*; and 4102- *persuasion*. Thus, our justification is based on the assurance that Christ

alone can save. As Christians we are not to seek proof, as did the scribes and elders (*Mat 27:41-42*), but are to take Christ at His word.

Joh 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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- speakeeth- it lays forth the following discourse (*argument*). Those who didn't believe that Christ resurrected from the dead were not to ask for proof seeing they had it but rejected such the first time. They even went to the point of bribing those who witnessed His resurrection.

Mat 28:11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and **told** the chief priests **all that had taken place**. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and **said**, "**Tell people**, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 **So they took the money** and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. (*Emp. added*)

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- that is- Paul, in quoting Deut 30:11-14, was taunting the unbelieving Jews who denied Christ's incarnation, deity and resurrection. They had a totally different idea of what the Messiah was supposed to be. They were in a sense saying "*Bring Him down from the presence of God or have Him resurrect again to lead us out of Roman rule and we will believe He is the Anointed One of God Who is to sit on the throne of David.*" Paul used this Old Testament passage to show their ignorance while explaining his point for each verse.

Deu 30:11 "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in Heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to Heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 14 But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

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**Rom 10:8** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even in thy mouth, and in thy heart*: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

- what saith it?- Already knowing the answer, Paul is asking his audience to explain what exactly Deut 30:11-14 means.

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- The word- referring to the inspired word of God.

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- nigh thee- God's word has always been near to those whose hearts would seek it.

Act 17:27 that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for "In Him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed His offspring."

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- in thy mouth- Gk.4750- by implication *language*. The inspired word was part of their very conversations because...

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- in thy heart- Gk.2588- *mind*. ...it had already been part of their understanding.

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You, shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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- that is- Their discussions centered on...

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- the word of faith- ...the topic of relying on Christ for salvation.

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- that we preach- The very topic of focus that Paul, along with other evangelists, was proclaiming.

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**Rom 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

- Deut 30:14 Because the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. The word of God has been available to all those who seek it out. Why? Because His desire is that all should be saved...

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

...and even though He doesn't always get what He wants, His word will accomplish what it was set out to do; save the righteous few who seek Him.

Isa 55:11 so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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- confess- To make a verbal acknowledgement of Christ, in one sense, is to not be ashamed of Him as being the Savior. This is a constant acknowledging to be done by the faithful Christian in every aspect of life.

Mat 10:32 So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father Who is in Heaven,

- The other type of confession is to be considered an action necessary for the purpose of being obedient to Christ before baptism. It is a confession to the fact that only the blood of Christ can save a penitent sinner through obedience to the Gospel plan of salvation.

Act 8:36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 [And Philip said, "**If you believe with all your heart, you may.**" And he replied, "**I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**"] 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, **and he baptized him.** (Emp. added)

- It acknowledges the death, burial and resurrection of Christ by following that same pattern in order to raise a new creation. Part of this very letter to the Romans includes this teaching which Paul said he preached. To take this passage out of its rightful context would be blasphemous to the core. Reread Ron 6:3-7.

*Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the **first resurrection!** **Over such the second death has no power,** but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with Him for a thousand years.* (Emp. added)

- As a burial, baptism is the first death that frees the penitent sinner from past sin. Thus the second, the eternal death that awaits the non-penitent, will be of no consequence to him. His rising up out of the watery grave of baptism is his first resurrection (6:4-5). He need not fear the final one.

Joh 5:28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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- thou shalt be saved- confession and belief alone are not enough to be saved even though there are many who are quick to point to certain passages to "prove" it.

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but the one who does the will of My Father** Who is in Heaven. 22 On that day many will say to Me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and do many mighty works in Your Name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.' (Emp. added)

Joh 12:42 Nevertheless, **many** even of the authorities **believed in Him**, but for fear of the Pharisees they **did not confess it**, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Jas 2:19 You believe that God is One; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder!

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**Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

- heart- Gk.2588-thoughts or feelings (mind). It takes thought in order to entrust one's soul to something unseen. In this case the purpose of doing such is to receive the justification that only comes through Christ. There's no other way.

Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Joh 10:1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

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- confession- This is that action which precedes obedience. When a person professes his attachment to the Lordship of Christ, such attachment to the point of obeying His every command, his soul is rescued from the eternal fire of Hell.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority (*Gk.1849- delegated influence: -authority*) in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching** them to observe **all that I have commanded you**. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Emp. added*)

Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and **proclaim** the Gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes **and is baptized** will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (*Emp. added*)

Act 9:6 But rise and enter the city, and **you will be told what you are to do**." (*Emp. added*)

Act 22:11 And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus. 12 "And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well-spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13 came to me, and standing by me said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. 14 And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know His will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from His mouth; 15 for you will be a witness for Him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why do you wait? **Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins**, calling on His Name.' (*Emp. added*) (*Read also 1 Pet 3:21.*)

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**Rom 10:11** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.

- believeth- Gk.4100- to *have faith in*, to *entrust*.
- ashamed- Gk.2617-to *shame down*, *disgrace* or (by implication) *put to the blush*.

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Isa 28:16 therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the One Who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste (*Heb.2363-to hurry; figuratively to be eager with excitement*).' (9:33; 1 Pet 2:6)

- When we combine the understanding of the Hebrew and Greek we get the idea that those who entrust their souls to the blood of Christ for salvation will not be confused nor will they be dishonored.

Joh 12:26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

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**Rom 10:12** For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.

- no difference- Gk.1293-a *variation*: distinction. Once the Jews fulfilled their purpose as being the people through whom the Messiah would come (*physically*), having fulfilled that role, they lost that distinction as the (*spiritual via the Mosaic Law*) people of God. Spiritual Israel (*the church*) became God's chosen once Christ died, was buried, resurrected and ascended to the right hand of the Father.

Deu 14:2 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, **out of all the peoples** who are on the face of the earth. (*Emp. added*)

Act 2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, **according to the flesh**, He would **raise up Christ** to sit on his (*David's, but ultimately God's- 1 Chron 29:23*) throne; (*Emp. added*)

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- same Lord over all- There was a time when God chose Israel over all other nations, but He also made it known that there would be a time when others would be called His people.

Hos 2:23 and I will sow her for Myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are My people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'

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- rich- In what way is He rich to the faithful? Through His...
  1. goodness, forbearance and longsuffering (2:4)
  2. glory (9:23)
  3. grace (Eph 1:7)
  4. inheritance (Eph 1:18)
  5. full assurance of understanding (Col 2:2)

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- call upon- Gk.1941- to **entitle**; by implication to *invoke* (for aid, worship, testimony, decision, etc.): **appeal** (unto), call (on, upon), surname. (*Emp. added*)

Gen 4:26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to **call upon the name of** the LORD. (*Emp. added*)

Gen 6:1 When **man** began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the **sons of God** (*offspring of Seth*) saw that the **daughters of man** (*offspring of Cain*) were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. (*Emp. added*)

1Pe 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the **answer** of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: *(Emp. added)*

Calling someone on the phone is with the hopes that someone would answer. Thus it is with this calling, the answer of which is to have "a good conscience toward God" in the Day of Judgment. Also, one would be calling himself by the name of Christ (*Act 11:26*). Thus, those who **entitle** themselves "Christians" are labeling themselves, *(as a wife takes on the husband's surname so the church as the bride of Christ)* through obedience, followers of Christ and are owned by Him. Only these receive the above mentioned "riches".

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**Rom 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the Name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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- whosoever shall call upon- Whoever takes on the name of, as the betrothed takes on the name of her groom, will be owned by the one they are espoused to. To take on the "surname" of Christ is to become part of His bride.

Act 11:26 ... And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the **head of the wife** even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. 24 Now **as the church submits to Christ, so also** wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Eph 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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- Name- Gk.3686- *authority, character*: surnamed. Thus, as the bride is endued with the authority of her husband once they marry, the Christian assumes the authority as the bride of Christ to become a child of God and Christ's sibling.

Joh 1:12 But to all who did receive Him, who believed (*Gk.4100-to have faith, to entrust [especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ]*) in His Name (*authority*), He gave **the right to become children** of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. *(Emp. added)*

*Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, He became the **source of eternal salvation** to all who **obey Him**, (Emp. added)*

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water (*baptism*) and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

*Tit 3:5 He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing (Gk.3067-a bath, that*

*is, baptism) of regeneration (Gk.3824-[spiritual] rebirth)and renewal (Gk.342-renovation [Webster: to make as good as new, restore]) of the Holy Spirit,*

*(Baptism is a grace of God and man is subject to be obedient to it to be saved. Read Heb 2:11-12; Act 22:16/Rom 6:3-4.)*

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**Rom 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?

1. How can one marry Someone they have not entrusted their well-being to?
2. How can one entrust their wellbeing to Someone they've never heard of?
3. How can one hear of Someone unless they are told they exist by that Someone's representative?

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**Rom 10:15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

- preach- Gk.2784- to *herald* (as a public *crier*), especially divine truth (the gospel): proclaim, publish. (*Isa 52:7*)  
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- sent- Gk.649-*set apart*, that is (by implication) to *send out* (properly on a mission). Thus, a preacher, as a public crier, has a mission to tell the world about the saving grace of Jesus.  
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- beautiful- Gk.5611- *belonging* to the right *hour* or *season* (*timely*), that is, (by implication) *flourishing*. Therefore the feet of the preacher thrive continually to carry the good news of prosperity that can benefit the eternal souls of those who heed it's message.

2Ti 4:2 **preach** the word; **be ready in season and out of season**; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (*Emp. added*)

1Co 9:16 For if I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!

Paul stated that even though he proclaimed the good news of salvation he was not boastful because he didn't expect to be rewarded for it. He did it because he felt if he didn't there would be those who would not hear its message, and that was more than he could bear.

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**Rom 10:16** But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Isa 53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

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- Paul wanted everyone, including those Jews who didn't obey the Gospel, to heed its warning. But he was/is not alone and didn't get his way just as God didn't always get His.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that **all should reach repentance**. *(Emp. added)*

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**Rom 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance (*Gk.5287-a setting under [support], assurance*) of things hoped (*Gk.1679-to expect or confide*) for, the conviction (*Gk.1650-proof, conviction*) of things not seen.

- Personal conviction can only come by hearing the message of the Gospel. How can you believe in something or someone you've never heard of? We believe there once was a man named Abraham Lincoln because history books tell us about him. In the same way we know of a Man named Jesus Who lived, died, was buried and rose on the third day because these things were not only written down but were seen by multitudes of witnesses (*'five hundred' according to 1 Cor 15:6*), both from the Bible and from secular history. The one confirms the other.

Act 4:4 But **many** of those who had **heard the word believed**, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. *(Emp. added)*  
*(Read also Act 8:35-37.)*

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**Rom 10:18** But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

- they- the Jews, physical Israel. (*vs. 1-3*)

Psa 19:4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and **their words to the end of the world...** *(Emp. added)*

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God **has appeared**, bringing salvation **for all** people, *(Emp. added)*

Mat 24:14 And this Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end (*70 AD*) will come.

- Paul was partly responsible for the Gospel being spread so far and wide because of his earlier convictions. He persecuted the church, originally Jewish, without mercy.

Act 8:1 And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were **all scattered throughout** the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. 3 But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and

women and committed them to prison. 4 Now those who were scattered **went about preaching the word.** (*Emp. added*)

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**Rom 10:19** But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.*

Hos 2:23 And I will sow her unto Me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them which were not My people, Thou art My people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.*

- Paul here trying to jog the memories of those who may have tried to excuse themselves for not getting it.

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- First Moses saith- using this great Old Testament hero of Israel, Paul again provokes their memory concerning a time when Israel once provoked God to jealousy. As at other times when God used the nations around Israel to chasten her into returning to Him, He used the Gentiles to anger her to become jealous into returning to Him as well.

Deu 32:21 They have made Me jealous with what is no god; they have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with those who are no people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Act 10:34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God **shows no partiality**, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. (*Emp. added*)

Act 10:44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from **among the circumcised** who had come with Peter **were amazed**, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. (*Emp. added*)

Act 11:1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, **the circumcision party criticized him**, saying, 3 "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." 4 But Peter began and explained it to them in order: (*Emp. added*)

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**Rom 10:20** But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

- bold- Gk.662-to *venture* plainly.

Isa 65:1 I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by My Name.

- Since God is no respecter of persons He has always been ready to extend His grace to the nations that lived around Israel.

1Ki 8:41 "Likewise, when a foreigner, who is **not of Your people Israel**, comes from a far country for Your Name's sake 42 (for they shall hear of Your great Name and Your mighty hand, and of Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, 43 hear in Heaven Your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your Name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by Your Name.

Although He didn't choose any nation other than Israel, there were evidently others who did seek after Him because of the fame that went out throughout the lands concerning Him. (Rom 9:13)

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**Rom 10:21** But to Israel He saith, All day long I have stretched forth My hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Isa 65:2 I spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; 3 a people who provoke Me to My face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; 4 who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; 5 who say, "Keep to Yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for You." These are a smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

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Exo 20:5 .., visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation **of those who hate Me**, (*Emp. added*)

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- All day long- shows God's patience with His chosen people Israel. Even through the wilderness they murmured against Him as spoiled children but He bore with their obstinate behavior.
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- stretched forth- Gk.1600-to *fly out*, that is, *extend*. God still went above and beyond what His patience should have allowed.
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- disobedient- Gk.544-to *disbelieve*.
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- gainsaying- Gk.483-to *dispute, refuse*. Even after seeing the miracles and enjoying the fruits of the labors of the nations they inhabited, they were still not content but continued to want more to the point of refusing God His due praise and adoration.

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