

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

God's Righteousness

Source = Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ**, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ **For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith;** as it is written, "*The just shall live by faith.*"

Philippians 3:9 (NKJV) and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the **righteousness which is from God by faith;**

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

One must be obedient to the faith

Romans 1:5, Romans 16:26, Acts 6:7, 1st Thessalonians 2:13, James 1:21-22 & 1st Peter 1:22-23

Additional thoughts

One is to **hunger and thirst after righteousness** = **Matthew 5:6**

One is to **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness** = **Matthew 6:33**

One is to **put on the breastplate of righteousness** = **Ephesians 6:14**

The **scriptures are the source for instruction of righteousness** = **2nd Timothy 3:16**

One's righteousness is **not simply for an outward show** = **Matthew 23:27-28**

⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "*The man who does those things shall live by them.*"

Leviticus 18:5

Galatians 3:10-14 (NKJV) ¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "***Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.***" ¹¹ But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for "*the just shall live by faith.*" ¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but "*the man who does them shall live by them.*" ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*"), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

6-8 **But the righteousness of faith**, trusting Christ for forgiveness, **speaks in this way** (Deut.30:12-14). The passage removes all excuse for not knowing the Mosaic law, but Paul uses it to remove excuses for lack of faith. The law was not in heaven, that one must go there to get it. Paul says neither was (the message of) Christ so unattainable. (7) The law was not beyond the sea, and Paul, using into the abyss, says neither must (the message of) Christ be brought up from the dead. (8) Paul then quotes "the word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" changing "that you may do it" to "that is, the word of faith which we preach." The very obvious adaptations made here remove any charge of misusing Scriptures. He is simply saying, just as your law was plainly given, so that there was no excuse for not doing it, so also the message of Christ is available to all, leaving no excuse for lack of faith.

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⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, *"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"* (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*)

⁷ or, *"Who will descend into the abyss?"* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"* (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

v.10 - Obedience that springs from the heart of belief is the response of faith, Rom.6:17-18. Some have isolated Rom.10:9-10 from other scripture and concluded that in order to be saved, one only needs mental belief and lip confession. Only by mishandling scripture can one draw such a limited conclusion. Much more is involved in salvation, for a faith that saves is a faith that obeys. For example, without repentance one will perish, Luke 13:3, and repentance is faith in action, 2 Cor.7:10. Likewise, baptism is "the answer of a good conscience," 1 Pet. 3:21. These are not meritorious works but rather responses of a heart that believes unto righteousness. **Romans "Salvation by the System of Faith"** by Robert Harkrider p.131

¹¹ For the Scripture says, *"Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."*

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

¹³ For *"whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Calling on the name of the Lord **DOES NOT SIMPLY CONSIST OF LIP SERVICE (Luke 6:46)**
For Jesus to be the Lord of one's life a person must be willing to submit to His authority which is revealed within the New Testament. (**John 8:31-32, John 14:23-24, Acts 22:16 and Hebrews 5:9**)

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?

¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: *"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, *"Lord, who has believed our report?"*

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

¹⁸ But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: *"Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."*

¹⁹ But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: *"I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation."*

²⁰ But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me."

²¹ But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people."

Matthew 23:37, Acts 7:51-52, Acts 13:46 & Romans 2:5

Questions Romans 10

1. List the lesson or lessons that can be learned from **Romans 10:1-3**.
2. How does one **develop the righteousness of God** in his or her life?
3. How does Robert F. Turner explain verses 6-8?
4. Many will misuse Romans 10:9-10 to teach a plan of salvation that does not include baptism for the remission of sins. How would you respond if these verses are misused in this way?
5. Calling on the name of the Lord requires what of an individual?
6. Which verse speaks of "***the gospel of peace***"? Explain peace.
7. Who is spoken of as "***a disobedient and contrary people***" and give an example.
8. What will you choose to remember about this chapter?