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Reading: Romans ch 10 v 1-13
Subject: Righteousness by Faith

The three central chapters of Romans deal with Israel

Chapter 9 - past of Israel
Chapter 10 - present of Israel
Chapter 11 - future and Gods purposes for Israel

Chapter 9 begins with a heartfelt plea from Paul. Where there was trouble it was his own countryman that stirred it up and it was his own countryman that rejected the Gospel. He turned to the gentiles but Paul still had a love for his countryman and desired that they should find Christ.

“his own nation after the flesh” - the adoption and the glory. God speaks of Israel as His firstborn. Gods true Firstborn fulfilled the scripture to the full.

No other people have received such promises, some that have still to be fulfilled. God made promises to them and He always keeps his promises. All these promises and blessings and all they did was to turn and reject Christ.

He spoke of himself as a Hebrew of a Hebrew but he turned from being an enemy. An encounter with the risen Christ changed his life. This is something beyond human comprehension.

Paul does not speak in bitterness of all the Jews tried to do to him. He wanted them to know the Lord as he knew Him that they might be saved.

Not seeking converts for an organisation. There are many religious people who are very zealous about God and the life to come. They have a zeal but not according to knowledge. Seeking to follow Christ in their own way. What have they missed?

They have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. You can live the best life you can but miss the fact that they will have to stand before God. The Lord Jesus Christ has died to save them. They will meet Him as their judge if they miss Him in this time.

Christ is the end of the law to everyone that believeth. The law was given as a standard to show man that they are unable to meet Gods standard. Each one of us falls short of Gods standard everyday. We need to be made righteous. We are all sinners by nature and practice. We are justified by the blood of Christ. Paul explains to the

Romans how we are able to meet Gods standard. There is a way apart from the law that we can be right with God.

Jesus wasn't being murdered. God allowed Him to be sacrificed for our debts to God. For those who will receive Him He is the end of the law. Gods justice is satisfied. God does not need to punish you. The righteousness of faith is accessible to each one of us. Say not in thy heart who shall ascend to heaven.

In order for you to be saved you don't have to climb into heaven to please God. God brought Christ down from above. You don't have to go down into the deep as God has raised the Lord. You don't have to make any great effort to be saved. If you could earn salvation it would not have been necessary for Christ to die. The Gospel and salvation is within your grasp.

In Romans 10:9, it is explained as "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"

To confess Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead.

Salvation is based on faith. Simple belief in the Lord Jesus Christ.

God expects you to come to Him and acknowledge you're a sinner then acknowledge that at the cross the Lord died for you and that death could not hold Him. Death burial and resurrection tell us that God is satisfied with the work of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has been raised - When you acknowledge all of the above you die with Christ are buried with Him and are raised in newness of life in Christ.

You must confess with the mouth - Expression of an inward change.

When you confess Jesus as Lord you then have a new master and He has the right to rule your life and your heart.

In Romans 10:11, the offer of the Gospel was open to the nation of Israel and still is. It is open to all nations.

He will pardon you from your sins. You will know joy and a peace that never leaves you.