

"Where the Road Ends...Ministry Begins"

Romans Ten The Faith Walk Revisited

Intro:

Romans 10 affirms that Israel as a nation was rejected because they rejected God's offer of Salvation thru faith in Messiah. We too who hear the message and reject it will be rejected by God.

I. Religious but lost vs.1-4

Man-made Righteousness vrs. God's righteousness See Romans 1:16, 17= God's righteousness is by faith in Messiah

II. God's righteousness is God's gift of His Son =Rom. 1: 9 & Rom.10:4

Paul's "word of Faith" is a word about God's son Jesus. Forgiveness brings relationship with a person. God wants us in fellowship and that comes by grace thru faith in Christ our Lord.

III. How faith operates in our lives to produce God's life in us. Rom. 10: 8-13

- 1. There are different kinds [levels] of faith.
 - The God can do anything kind of faith
 - The God will do something kind of faith
 - The God has already done kind of faith.
- 2. Faith is a "word of Faith" Rom 10:8
 - 1) This word of faith is a message from God about sin, self, & God's heart of love for us.
 - 2) This word of faith is spoken by the believer; there is a connection between what the heart feels and
 - what the mouth says. Solomon said, "out of the heart the mouth speaks."
- 3. Faith is spoken 10: 8b; 9, 10
 - 1) Faith is not a head full of facts accepted as true, but rather a heart full of truth confessed.
 - We must confess our heartfelt belief. Our ears need to hear what our mouth has to say about what our heart feels about Jesus.
 - 2) Confess your faith= Gr literally means "to say the same thing"

When we can say by faith the same thing about "God's righteousness" that God says miracles can follow.

- 3) Faith is a verb as much as a noun
 - The Faith= a set of propositions or doctrines

Believe= "whoever believes" =a verb, active and in the present tense.

IV. Faith calls as well as confesses 10:13,14

1) It does you or anyone little good to say you believe in God if you refuse to "call upon the name of the Lord." The calling is active faith. It brings the potential into the actual. It puts God in the fight, and puts His life into your daily life.

2) Whoever calls will not be disappointed vs 11

When we call out to God in faith, all of God's elective predestined purposes are released into our lives.

3) Whoever calls will be saved vs.13 = everyone who wants to be saved will be saved if they ask to be saved.

V. Who has believed our Report? [Is.53:1] 10:14-17

Paul quotes from Isaiah 53=the suffering servant prophecy of Messiah's sacrifice.

We must be sure everyone hears in our generation. How shall they believe without a preacher? Good question! We must report= means proclaim the good news!