

Romans: The Gospel

Whoever Calls

Romans 10:1-13

<p>Ch. 9-11 Israel & The Gospel Tough & timely</p>	<p>Their rejection doesn't mean God's promises failed (they were to Abraham 1st!)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who do you pick up the phone for? • Do you screen your calls? • Old days - running to a ringing phone not knowing 	<p>When God's phone rings, who does He pick up for? And why?</p>
<p>[Pray] :1</p> <p>Paul deeply wanted the people of Israel to be saved He prayed for it! <i>"Did not rejoice at rejection" DG</i> <i>"Though Paul preached against them, yet he prayed for them" - MH</i> <u>If Paul did, we should too</u></p>	<p>1 Corinthians 11:1 - Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.</p> <p>Psalm 122:6 - Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.</p> <p><i>...and pray for the peace of our own nation, city and neighborhoods</i></p>
<p>:2</p> <p>Paul knew <u> firsthand</u> He was one of them!</p> <p>The ultimate Jew</p> <p>Philippians 3:3-11 - For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ...</p>	<p>But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 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; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.</p>

The resurrection is coming.

Martha and Jesus talked about it John 11

<p>Zeal - excitement of mind, fervour of spirit, fierceness, defending anything, rivalry</p> <p>New believers <i>(excited...don't know much)</i></p> <p>That's where mature, older believers come in...</p> <p><u>Discipleship!</u> Students of life</p>	<p>Knowledge precise and correct knowledge</p> <p>Spiritual excitement is good But it must be about the right and correct things</p> <p><i>1 Cor 11-14 spiritual gifts, practices</i></p> <p><u>Tempered, not quenched</u></p> <p>Be careful not to quench the fire of a new believer</p>
<p>Knowledge should always steady the heat, make it stronger, longer</p> <p><i>Smores</i> <i>Initial flames but then the coals</i></p>	<p>Be excited about the things of God But more so about <u>God himself</u></p> <p>Fan the flame for your passion for Jesus - it will take care of the rest</p>
<p>They were zealous, fiery for what they THOUGHT were the things of God</p> <p>What they THOUGHT would please God</p> <p>like Saul, they were fighting against him directly in their zeal without knowledge</p>	<p><i>The danger of a flesh-led religion</i> John 16:2-3 - "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. "And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. Zeal w/o knowledge = legalistic, loveless persecution or carnal belief - <i>cosco shirt</i></p>
<p>:3-4</p> <p>Ignorant of God's righteousness - Not a rule to obey, but a person to love...JESUS!</p>	<p>To do God's way their own way! not <u>submitted</u>, but in <u>rebellion!</u></p> <p>Christ is the end of the law, two ways:</p>

<p>1. The end of the line Galatians 3:24-25 - Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.</p> <p>The law? A tutor. Guide. The law, RIGHTLY APPLIED, will lead us to Jesus, not our own righteousness.</p>	<p>2. Totally fulfilled & satisfied Matthew 5:17 - "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. Jesus never broke the law He is the embodiment of it. <u>Love.</u> He IS the actual passover <i>The OT practices point to Jesus</i></p>
<p><i>The moral law was but for the searching of the wound, the ceremonial law for the shadowing forth of the remedy; but Christ is the end of both...When the substance comes, the shadow is gone. - MH</i></p>	
<p>Who does this apply to? Anyone who <u>believes</u>. Jew or Gentile.</p> <p>Believe <u>all the way</u> to salvation <i>Even demons tremble & believe, but not saved. Not agreement with facts, belief</i></p>	<p>If you truly want the righteousness of God, Jesus is the only way.</p> <p>John 10:9 - "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.</p>
<p>:5-7</p> <p>To have life, you have to keep the <u>whole</u> law.</p> <p><u>Anything else is death.</u></p> <p>But you can't, no matter how hard you try If you think you are, it makes you proud!</p> <p>Everyone standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hate those who don't keep them ● Hate those who would reveal the flaws in them 	<p>We praise ourselves when we think we're right by the law.</p> <p>Habakkuk 2:4 - "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; <u>But the just shall live by his faith.</u></p> <p>Works make us proud Faith keeps us humble</p> <p>Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● keeps the heart humble ● admits we can't do it ● waits for God to do it ● is rewarded when God works

<p>Ascend? (Where did Jesus come from? Where is He now?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm as good as Jesus • I can get to heaven on my own <p>Really saying you're better, don't need him to be up there!</p> <p><i>Satain "I will ascend..." Is 14:14</i></p>	<p>Descend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus died, rose again • Preached liberty to captives - Is 61:1, Luke 4:18 • Took the punishment • Handled the depths of sin <p><i>" it is not Christ in heaven, nor Christ in the deep, that we mean; but Christ in the promise" MH</i></p>
<p>John 10:17-18 - "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."</p>	<p>The idea that we have control over our own eternal destiny - death and life</p> <p>Blasphemy</p> <p>We do, have the the choice - but we can't do good, live a heavenly life, without God</p>
<p>Mark 3:28-29 - "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; "but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"--</p>	<p>The only thing that can't be forgiven is your rejection of the only way to be forgiven - Jesus</p>
<p>:8-11</p> <p>The Word was <u>near</u> to the Jews!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Box on their head • Written on their walls • Heard all their lives • Taught to them from childhood • Spoken in the synagogues • Given to their people, their nation • Preserved from Adam until then 	<p>Near, but not understood!</p> <p>2 Tim 2:15 "rightly divided"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of proper Bible study, exegesis • Not reading into • Verse-by-verse • Context - textual and historical • study to know what the word <u>actually</u> says - precisely, correctly • <u>Application</u>

<p>“Word of faith”</p> <p>Not a way to get what you want To just say something in faith Manifest, speak it out</p> <p>Make God come through in the way you want because you said something like a magic spell</p>	<p>Instead the Word that creates faith What faith is based on</p> <p>The entire word of God pointing to God himself - the correct object of the faith</p> <p>Worship of, of obedience to The person of Jesus</p>
<p>Luke 6:45 - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."</p>	<p>Want to know what someone really thinks? Really feels? Cares about? <u>Just let them keep talking.</u></p> <p><i>Answering questions never asked</i></p> <p>The heart can't help overflowing.</p>
<p>It's why I wonder and am concerned about “Christians” who never share their faith (I get being fearful, timid) or don't seem to have a response in worship and word</p>	<p><u>When we have faith, it overflows from our hearts.</u></p> <p>We've been in need, God's come through, we rejoice</p>
<p>Want to be saved from sin? You'll eventually cry out. (not just consequences, the sin itself)</p> <p>If you haven't, you really don't want it, think you need it</p> <p><i>No matter how much you hang around church or read your Bible</i> You haven't come to saving faith yet</p>	<p>But when you do - you'll cry out from your heart to Jesus</p> <p><i>This is the transaction</i></p> <p>The words <u>themselves</u> don't save - it's the act of faith, crying out in response to God's work on the cross</p> <p><i>Atheist astronaut coming back from moon, seeing the cross</i></p>

<p>Confession UNTO salvation The confession itself doesn't matter so much - <i>I don't remember Sinners prayer, alter calls</i></p> <p>genuine faith caused genuine words To flow from your heart out of your mouth - <u>from you direct to Jesus</u></p> <p><i>You won't be ashamed to say it out loud</i></p> <p>The Jews couldn't bring themselves to do this</p>	<p><i>Stumbling block, they knew what He did - God things. and said He was God, and wanted to kill him for it</i></p> <p>All their zeal in the wrong things All their fear in self-imposed religion</p> <p>They'd hardened themselves to the <u>obvious</u> truth: <u>Believing God is and can and does really doesn't take much faith!</u></p>
<p>Whoever believes will not be put to shame</p> <p>All it takes to get out of the shame of sin is trusting Jesus</p> <p>He doesn't want to shame you He became your shame, the shameful act itself</p>	<p>We try to rid ourselves of shame by saying the act is not shameful, normal</p> <p>We wouldn't have to try to hard and be so zealous about convincing ourselves it's shameless if we didn't feel the sting of shame to begin with!</p>
<p>Shame, dishonor, disgrace, blush, eyes down Your conscience knows, you know</p>	<p>Maybe you've buried it, first time huge shame, now you do it so much you don't blink. Or you're worried god will expose you so you won't come to him - he wont</p>
<p>How do you get saved? Just by believing God saved you already.</p>	<p>It was that easy for the thief on the cross</p>

<p>:12-13 God called Abraham and made the Jewish people from Isaac and Jacob</p> <p>A nation to protect the words, ways and people of God</p>	<p>But they were just the conduit for the ultimate savior - Jesus</p> <p>Who was sent not just for them - but for everyone and anyone</p>
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Rich to all

This would have been highly offensive to the pride of the jews

Everyone else were dogs in their eyes

Whoever calls

God will pick up the phone for whomever is calling in faith

Why?

- Because salvation is not based on who you are
- What you've done
- But on who he is and what he's done

Cut covenant with Abraham - he did it all

Anyone can be saved because God made everyone

Don't think it's for you? That's a lie. Not what God says!

**God wants you to call on Him
It's not a burden
He won't shame you for coming, ghost you, Leave you on read**

**Of course it's for you.
It's the way you were designed to live**

It's why life without God is empty, painful, full of death

Living without God is not the designed way for humans to be

**Christianity is not one option,
Jesus is the way, the truth and the life**

- It's a free gift and it wasn't easy to do
- It's impossible to be a Christian
- It's impossible to please God
- It's impossible to be perfect enough for Him

**And that's the whole point
Being a Christian is only possible with faith in Jesus**

how hard is it to believe God did something?

The most capable being can do anything He wants. It almost doesn't require faith at all.

Even the tiniest bit of faith can believe that and be saved!

So call upon Him!