



Righteousness by Faith

Romans 10

Something to Start Us Off

- Have you ever tried really hard to do something the “right” way, only to discover you were going about it all wrong? What happened?

Something to Notice

Let’s read Romans 10 slowly and mark phrases that contrast human effort with God’s way of righteousness. Here are some that might stand out to us.

- 10:1-3 Paul’s prayer and Israel’s zeal *“not according to knowledge”*
- 10:4 *“Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes”*
- 10:5-8 The difference between righteousness by the law and by faith
- 10:9-13 Confess with your mouth and believe in your heart — salvation is the same for Jew and Gentile.
- 10:14-15 *“How then will they call on him... how are they to hear ... ?”*
- 10:16-21 God reaches out to those who did not ask for Him.

Something to Learn

Key Insights:

* Salvation is remarkably simple and universal: confess Jesus as Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead (vv. 9–13). There is no distinction between Jew and Gentile — “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (v. 13). See the 2nd question below.

* Faith comes from hearing the message about Christ, so preaching and sending messengers are essential (vv. 14–15). See the 3rd question below.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean that “Christ is the end of the law for righteousness” (v. 4)?
- Verses 9–13 describe how a person is saved. Discuss how simple—and how universal—this message is.
- Paul asks several important questions in vv. 14–15. Why is preaching the gospel so necessary?
- In vv. 16–21, Israel heard the good news but largely rejected it, while Gentiles responded. What warning or encouragement does this give the church today?

Something to Take Home

- Memorize and/or meditate on Romans 10:9 this week. Salvation is not earned by our own effort but received by simple faith in Christ. Who are you going to pray for?