



Salvation by One Means Only

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 10

Paul begins this chapter by stating his heart's desire for his kinsman, that they may be saved. Paul understood their zeal for God would not save them from eternal separation from Him. They needed the righteousness of God, and not the righteousness of the law. This was a hard lesson for them to understand with their hardened hearts. My Bible commentary says, *"Israel was ignorant of God's righteousness, not because they had never been told, but because they refused to learn."*

Many people today have that same disposition. They feel because their lives are comfortable and they have no complications or adversities, all is right in their world. Their proverbial boat is not being rocked, so they omit anything that will cause waves in their lives. This is foolish thinking indeed, and it mirrors the consciousness of the Jewish people in Jesus' time. They were so full of themselves and the traditions of men. They did not need a lowly, homeless carpenter to tell them about having a relationship with their God. To them, Jesus was a distraction needed by the Gentiles, not the so-called people of God. They refused and rejected Paul's teaching that Jesus IS the righteousness of God.

The only remedy for their rejection was to believe and call on the name of the Lord. But before they called on Him, they needed to believe Jesus was who He said He was. He was the only One able to do what He came to do. They had to believe in the Deity of Christ. My friends, this entailed that they proclaim Jesus as Lord and believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead. Scripture is very clear in this regard, *"Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame. For there is not distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all. Bestowing His riches on all who call on Him"* (vv. 11-12).

My friends, it takes a great deal of humility and faith to believe this. One must have an open heart and mind. It is not for the lighthearted, but for those who understand that this life can not be all that there is. One must be ready to hear the truth of the gospel and then be ready to praise, worship and serve in that manner. There is one more passage that brings this thought home, *"So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ"* (vs. 17); specifically, through God's eternal Word, Jesus Christ.

Question: Are you ready to walk in Jesus, surrendering from self and your own self-righteousness, then submitting to the Word of God, Jesus the Christ? That is a question only you can answer. However, please remember that it all begins with the mouth in confession, then with the heart by which one believes!

PRAYER: Father, please continue to help me understand Your righteousness; specifically, how I should walk in Christ. Please humble my spirit so I can be open to Your Lordship in my life. In Christ name I pray, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 11

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