

Romans Chapters 10 and 11

Teaching Notes

VS 1-2 Zeal without knowledge – think of St. Paul’s experience

- He persecuted the church
- Consented to the stoning of Stephan
- Had letters of authority to capture and persecute Christians
- He had zeal and he believed was actually serving God
- He lacked the knowledge of who Jesus really was (Messiah)
- He had an encounter that led him into salvation
- If God could save St. Paul (a Jew) then God can save anyone

VS 3-4 God Righteousness vs. Their Righteousness

- The Jews believed they were acceptable and righteous before God because they kept the law
- In reality they could never keep the law
- God’s righteousness is only through faith in what Jesus did for you
- Christ is the end of the law for those who believe
- The law helps us understand our need for grace

VS 5-8 Incarnation and Resurrection

- Jesus has already come down (incarnation)
- Jesus has already come up (Resurrection)
- That news is readily available to everyone present
- This word of “good news” or “revelation” is near them – to hear, understand and believe is possible

VS 9-13 Belief and Public Profession of Faith

- Confess with the mouth – verbal profession and public
- Believe in your heart God raised Jesus from the dead
- Salvation is the result
- Heart belief result in righteousness and verbal profession seals the deal
- This is for anybody – whosoever believes will not be disappointed (Joel 2:32)
- So, there is no longer any distinction between Jew and Gentile

VS 13-14 Four Key Questions

- How can they call on him if they have not believed?
- How can they believe if they have not heard?
- How can they hear without a preacher (witness)?
- How can they preach unless one is sent?

Witnessing is not Optional

- Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8 – Phillips’s witness
- Cornelius – Acts 10 – Peter’s witness
- Philippian Jailer – Acts 16 – Paul’s witness
- Saul – Acts 6-7 – Stephan’s witness

VS 16-21 Israel’s Rejection

- Israel refused to believe the message (obey it and submit to it)
- The Jew’s rejected the message of Jesus during his earthly ministry
- The Jew’s rejected the message of Paul in his day
- Faith comes through hearting – God’s primary portal of truth
- Satan operates mostly through sight – Eve saw...
- The Jews had plenty of opportunity to hear the message
- Israel’s rejection of prophesied by Isaiah 65:1 which opened the door for the Gentiles
- A nation that sought him not was now embraced to provoke jealousy
- God has continually reached out to Israel but they refused to listen, hear, obey, submit
- God has not withheld salvation from the Jews

CHAPTER 11 Israel’s Future: God’s Sovereign Choice Fulfilled

VS 1-10 Israel’s Rejection was not Total

- God has not cast away – Paul is a prime example
- Elijah is another example – I Kings 19: 10, 14 – I’m the only one left – No 7000 are still with me
- God always has a remnant
- God’s remnant is always chosen by GRACE never by WORKS
- Israel sought God but failed because it was based on works
- Gentiles did not seek God but found Him through believing the message – GRACE
- However, the elect (those chosen by God through His grace) did accept Him by faith
- Israel was sincere – but sincerely wrong – works always fail
- Their failure resulted in a spirit of slumber – blindness – a stumbling block (obstacle in the way)

VS 11 - 16 Salvation for the Gentiles/Restoration of the Jews

- Israel stumbled but they will recover
- Their stumble enabled the Gentiles to be welcomed in
- The Gentiles will make Israel jealous and want to return
- Also, their rejection made the reconciliation of the world come to pass
- When they accept Jesus as Messiah it will be as “life from the dead”
- If part of the lump is holy, so the entire loaf becomes holy

Vs 17 – 24 Wild Branches are not the Root

- Gentiles are grafted into the original olive tree – they will bear fruit
- However, they must stay connected to the roots – the root supports them not vice versa
- Don't become arrogant – Israel was broken off because of unbelief – that can happen to you as well
- Notice God's severity and kindness
- If Israel repents of their unbelief they will be grafted back in to the tree
- At this point there is a partial hardening in Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles come in
- Therefore, Israel's separation is not forever- her fall is temporary

Israel's Future VS 25- 36

VS 25 The fullness of the gentiles comes in

- The times of the Gentiles – begins with Nebuchadnezzar and end with the anti-Christ
- Fullness of the Gentiles is a specific number of people that give their life to Christ – salvation
- Israel's partial blindness was declared by Jesus in Luke 19:42
- Destruction of Jerusalem was declared by Jesus in Luke 19:44

VS 26 – All Israel will be saved

- As we have noted in this study it is the remnant that is saved
- The deliverer is Jesus

VS 27 – Covenant Keeper

- God has made a covenant with the remnant to remove their sins

VS 28 – Enemies of God yet beloved for the sake of the Fathers (Abraham, etc.)

VS 29 -Gods call on Israel as His covenant people is irrevocable

Vs 30 – 32 – God's Mercy for both Gentiles and Jews – we all need it!

VS 33 – 36 God is beyond human comprehension

- His ways are beyond us
- We can only know in part
- We have not counsel for Him, but His counsel is perfect for us
- All things are from Him, and for Him
- All and things are for His glory
- He alone is worthy to be magnified