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ROMANS 10:11-21

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INTRODUCTION:

10:9-10 Confess the Lord Jesus (*His Lordship as the exalted Christ*) with your mouth and Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (*Resurrection*) thou shall be saved. Because you believe in your heart the Lord Jesus, righteousness is credited, and you openly confess with your mouth, resulting in salvation.

LESSON: I. CALLING ON CHRIST ROMANS 10:11-13

10:11 **For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.** You have confessed with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believed in your heart God raised Him from the dead, therefore, the "Whosoever" is to everyone (both Jew and Gentile) that are saved. This message of God's righteousness and salvation is to the whole world. The gospel is universal. Jesus' righteousness and salvation delivers us from shame. By not denying Him, He will not deny us. The true believer is not ashamed.

- He's not ashamed to face God, for he's covered with the righteousness of Christ!
- He's not ashamed to confess Christ before men.

Once confession is made, there is so much joy inside that it can't be contained; such boldness; such a release; such peace that you will feel so free because of who you believe in.

10:12 **For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.** In God's eyes all men:

- are His creatures. • are sinful and alienated from Him • are loved by Him
- are saved only through the righteousness provided by His Son.

Christ makes no distinction between men (Jew or Greek). He is the same Lord over all. God does not save one man a certain way and another man another way. They all have to believe in Jesus Christ! Neither does He reject a man because he is a Jew or a Greek (Gentile). He does not show partiality or favoritism in being saved. God's grace and mercy are shown to each of us every time we wake up in the morning or open our eyes or take a breath.

1. Jesus is rich to all that call upon Him. **James 1:17** NLT *"Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow."* The Lord is "rich" meaning bountiful—He will never run out of mercy and grace, and in all else that is good and beneficial. Every good gift and every perfect gift that exists in the world has flowed unto all that call upon Him from His mercy and grace.
2. This also shows us that a man must call upon Jesus to receive the riches of God's mercy and grace.

10:13 **For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.** We see that whosoever that believe on Jesus shall not be ashamed (10:11). And in this verse, whosoever shall call upon the name of Jesus shall be saved (10:13). We have to understand that Christ is calling the sinner because man is in need of a Savior, no matter who they are or how terrible a person and his circumstances may be, he can be saved. This is saving faith, so have faith to call upon Him! It takes care of our past, present and future when we truly mean it. I know sometimes we don't want to hear that because of how we look at the depth of the sin. But we have to remember that all sin is sin. There is no little sin or big sin in God's eyes. All the sinner needs to do is call upon the name of Jesus! This would mean that:

- The person believes that Jesus Christ can save him; that he is a sinner and he needs a Savior.



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The person believes that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world; that He's the Son of God who came to earth to save mankind; he believes in **John 3:16-17**. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."*

- The person believes and calls Jesus Christ LORD! Therefore, surrendering and dedicating himself to serve Jesus Christ throughout life.
- The person's heart has been changed by the Spirit of God, that's why that person was able to call upon the name of Jesus; confess with his mouth and believe in his heart.

II. CONFIDENT COMMUNICATION ROMANS 10:14-17

10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?—

1. The world cannot be saved without the gospel. We have established that a person has to call on the name of the Lord.
2. The world cannot call or believe or hear about the Lord without a preacher. That's why these questions come up.
 - a. How can a person call on Jesus Christ if he has not believed in Him?
 - b. How can a person believe in Christ if he has not heard about Christ?
 - c. How can a person hear without a preacher? How can a person hear that Jesus Christ died for him?
3. It takes a preacher to proclaim the message of the Lord Jesus so that people can hear and believe and call upon Him. In the present context the word "*preacher*" means any believer who bears witness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, when someone preaches, that is, proclaim the gospel, you can hear. Upon hearing, you can believe. Upon believing, you can call upon the name of Jesus, and by calling on the name of Jesus, you can be saved! It's all about the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, **How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**—Another question of how.

- God is the One who sends forth preachers and witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ. He commissions, qualifies, and instructs the preachers and witnesses of the gospel. *"For we are labourers together with God"* (**1 Cor.3:9**).
 - i. Christian believers have a part in giving forth the gospel as well. *"The foundation has been laid, but others have to take heed how he builds thereupon"* **1 Cor.3:10-11**. We are to also pray to God for laborers. *"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest"* **Matthew 9:37-38**.
 - ii. Christian believers are to give to meet the needs of the world.
- The gospel is the message of peace and glad tidings of good things.
- The feet of the preachers and witnesses are beautiful, that is, they are a welcome sight to the world.

10:16 **But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?—**

Even in sharing the gospel, not all will receive, believe, or obey the call of the gospel. Paul quotes the question from **Isaiah 53:1a** "**who hath believed our report?**" The report was the message of the gospel concerning the Messiah. It was brought to the mouths of the Jews and offered to them, but the message was not obeyed. Isaiah says many Jews did not believe the report; the message of God. Believing the report is the way to salvation. So many have gone their own way so long, and that's the only way they feel that's working for them, and that's what they're in control of, why change to something else? To believe in Christ is to obey Him, and to obey Him is to believe Him! You can't live like the world and obey the gospel. **2 Corinthians 6:17-18** says, *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."*



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10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Faith activates action. Faith is the strong belief that motivates one to act. Faith says I'm giving up my way because I'm assured in God's way. Man possesses faith when he takes God at His Word. You don't have to see it to believe, but you're assured of the hope in Christ. Faith comes from hearing the message. The message is the Word of God about Christ, for He is "the Word." It all comes through the Word of God, not about feelings or a good story. It has to be the Word of God about His Son Jesus that faith will come. "Without faith it's impossible to please God. And when you come you must believe that He is a rewarder." He draws you. All the while God is getting you ready to hear, the Word is planted, but it may be watered several times. For some it may take one to hear the gospel several times. Paul says in **1 Corinthians 3:6** "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." It's the same process of watering a plant. You just don't water it one time and expect it to grow. No, you continue. Man's spirit agrees with what he has heard, that causes change within to accept Jesus as Savior! Once you are convicted of the truth of God's Word that was planted within you, that's when faith arises. The spirit of hearing takes place; your eyes of understanding has been enlightened, and you come to know within—that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve" etc... **1 Corinthians 15:3-5** (NASB). Then you will call upon the name of the Lord and you shall be saved (**10:13**).

III. CURRENT CONDEMNATION ROMANS 10:18-21

10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. So, Paul says, Have they not heard? Yes! This is a close-ended question; asked and answered, in which Israel is found guilty.

1. Israel's disobedience was not because they did not hear the Word of God. Israel was the very custodian of the Scriptures; the very people whom God had chosen to bring salvation to the world.

Paul quotes **Psalms 19:4** showing that God revealed Himself in Creation and in His Word.

10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. Paul quotes from Moses (the Law) (**Deuteronomy 32:21**) showing what God would do to Israel—provoke them to be jealous toward the Gentiles (who were not a part of Israel—labeled no people), yet God turns around and used what Israel thought was a foolish nation to anger them.

2. Israel's disobedience was not because they did not know the truth. They knew the truth and they had a dynamic example and demonstration of the truth. They had the example of the Gentiles who turned to the gospel in great numbers.

10:20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. Paul quotes from Isaiah (the Prophet) (**Isaiah 65:1**) speaking boldly and confidently that he was found. ¹God would show Himself to people who were not looking for Him. In other words, God would save people who were Gentiles. Isaiah says that God was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for Him and He was ready to be found by those who did not seek Him. So, He introduced Himself to people who did not ask for Him and who did not look for Him, but found Him.

10:21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying (opposing; contradicting) people. Paul now quotes from Isaiah (**Isaiah 65:2**) showing...

3. Israel's rejection was because they were a disobedient and obstinate (*pigheaded; stubborn*) people.
 - a. "God stretched forth my hands all day long " means He invited, offered forgiveness and peace and reconciliation, pleaded and begged for Israel to return to Him.

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/romans-lbw.htm>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-sunday-school.html>





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b. "All day long" meant God's patience, longsuffering, and forbearing, bearing for a long time, waiting until the last moment to turn away as He stretched forth His hands unto them.

SUMMARY:

11 For the Scripture says, *"Everyone who believes in Jesus will not be put to shame."* **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. **13** For *"everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (**10:11-13**) (ESV).

14 How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **15** And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: *"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"* **16** But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, *"Lord, who has believed our message?"* **17** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message being heard is the Word of God about Christ, the Son (**10:14-17**) (NIV).

18 But I consider that the people in Israel heard God's message. It is as the scripture says: *'The sound of their message has gone out into all the earth. People have heard their words even in distant places across the world.'* **19** And also, I consider that the people in Israel understood God's message. First, Moses says: *'I (God) will choose people whom you do not even consider to be a nation. And I will make you jealous. I will choose people who seem foolish. And I will make you angry.'* **20** And (second) Isaiah declares boldly what God says, *'People who were not looking for me have found me. I have shown myself to people who did not ask for me.'* **21** But Isaiah also explains what God says about Israel, *'All day long I have appealed to these people. But they continuously refuse to obey me. And they oppose me'* (**10:18-21**) (EEB).