

Applying Easter

Romans 10

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Romans 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith;

- ³¹ but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at *that* law.
- ³² Why? Because *they did* not *pursue it* by faith, but as though *it were* by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,
- ³³ just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

- ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.
- ³ For not knowing about God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.
- ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.
- ⁵ For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.
- ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith speaks thus, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down),
- ⁷ or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."
- ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart "-- that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,
- ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;
- ¹⁰ for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."
- ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;
- ¹³ for "Whoever will call upon the name of the LORD will be saved."
- ¹⁴ How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

- ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!"
- 16 However, they did not all heed the glad tidings; for Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?"
- ¹⁷ So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
- ¹⁸ But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have; "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."
- ¹⁹ But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? At the first Moses says, "I will make you jealous by that which is not a nation, By a nation without understanding will I anger you."
- ²⁰ And Isaiah is very bold and says, "I was found by those who sought Me not, I became manifest to those who did not ask for Me."
- ²¹ But as for Israel He says, "All the day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."

The Parable of The Sower and The Soils

Matthew 13:3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;

- ⁴ and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.
- ⁵ "And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.
- ⁶ "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
- ⁷ "And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.
- ⁸ "And others fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.
- ⁹ "He who has ears, let him hear."
- ¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"
- ¹¹ And He answered and said to them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.
- ¹² "For whoever has, to him shall *more* be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.
- ¹³ "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.
- ¹⁴ "And in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; And you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;

- ¹⁵ For the heart of this people has become dull, And with their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes Lest they should see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I should heal them.'
- ¹⁶ "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.
- ¹⁷ "For truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.
- ¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower.
- ¹⁹ "When anyone **hears** the word of the kingdom, and <u>does not understand it</u>, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.
- ²⁰ "And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who **hears** the word, and immediately receives it with joy;
- ²¹ yet he has <u>no *firm* root</u> in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.
- ²² "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who **hears** the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
- ²³ "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who **hears** the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

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