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ROMANS 10:1-13

LESSON: THE END OF THE LAW — May 24, 2026

INTRODUCTION:

This passage has two powerful points. It shows the tragic mistake of Israel, and it proclaims the great danger of missing God's righteousness. It will show man exactly what needs to be done in order to receive his ideal upon earth; exactly what has to be done to make all things right; how to receive righteousness, and be saved from death and judgment and live forever.

LESSON:

I. ROMANS 10:1-3

10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

¹Paul, who was Saul knows from his own experience how much the Jews wanted to serve God, but Paul being a Pharisee (a strict Jew) thought that the Christians were wrong about God. However, now Paul has a burning desire, craving, and yearning for Israel's salvation, and he's praying for the Jews' salvation.

10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Israel's great mistake was that they had a zeal for God, but it was not based on correct knowledge. Their knowledge was just partial; they did not know Him personally! It is not good to be eager, if one does not have knowledge (Proverbs 19:2).

10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. They did not know how God makes people righteous. Instead, they try to become righteous by their own efforts. So, they refuse the means by which God makes people righteous. There are reasons Israel had an incomplete knowledge of God:

1. Israel was ignorant of God's righteousness. They failed to understand...
 - God's true nature: His holiness and perfection.
 - Man's true nature: His sin and desperate need for perfect righteousness in order to be acceptable to God.
 - God's love: His love is sending His Son to save man by providing a perfect righteousness for him.
2. Israel went about establishing its own way of righteousness. They sought to make themselves acceptable to God through...
 - Rituals • ceremonies • laws • works
3. Israel refused to submit themselves to the righteousness of God—to Jesus Christ, who is God's righteousness.

A crucial point is made: Zeal and sincerity are not enough in seeking God. One can be zealous and sincere, and still can be on the wrong road, and never reach its destination.

II. ROMANS 10:4-8

10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. God's

¹ <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/romans-lbw.htm>
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righteousness is Jesus Christ. He is the One who puts an end to man having to seek righteousness through the law.

- Christ ended; completed the law in that He is the object toward which the law pointed! All the ceremonies, sacrifices, offerings, and purifications all led and pointed toward Christ.
- Christ ended the law in that He fulfilled and completed the law perfectly. He lived under the law and kept it perfectly, being sinless and obeying every rule and requirement of the law.
- Christ ended the law in that He destroyed the penalty and condemnation of the law against man. Christ took the sin of man upon Himself, and bore the condemnation for man.

Note a critical point: Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness is only to those who believe. Man no longer has to work and work to be acceptable to God; no longer looks to the law for his righteousness; no longer looks to the law as the way to reach God; to secure God's favor. A man is justified, that is, counted righteous by God, only if he truly believes that Jesus Christ is the righteousness of God! Man now looks to Jesus Christ and approaches God through Jesus Christ!

10:5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. Moses wrote about people who want to become righteous by means of the law. He wrote, *'Someone who obeys the law will live by means of the law.'* **The point is:** by keeping the law perfectly, by never sinning in act, word, or thought, not even once, then he could be declared righteous. But we know that that could never happen. If it could, then there would be no need for the coming of Jesus Christ! There is only One who lived a sinless life, and that is Jesus Christ!

10:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)— 10:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) It begins with "But" as in opposition with verse 5 of talking about the righteousness of the law that Moses speaks of which is shown to be impossible to keep. In this verse 6 lets us know that this righteousness is of faith (believing and trusting), but not where you would have to ascend into heaven to bring Christ down from above to receive it or even to descend into the deep to bring Christ up again from the dead. God's righteousness is not done like that. I hope expressing it this way give a clearer picture.

10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;— Again, "But." 'The word is near you. Speak it with your mouth! Believe it in your heart!' That means the message that we are preaching, you must put your faith in it. Paul lets his brethren know that he's convinced that the Word spoken and believed on in their hearts will bring it forth according to the Will of God! They don't have to ascend into heaven or descend into the deep for the righteousness of God. They were preaching it by faith!

III. ROMANS 10:9-10



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10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. All they had to do was Confess the Lord Jesus (His Lordship as the exalted Christ) with their mouth, and Believe in their heart that God raised Him (the Son) from the dead (Resurrection), then they will be saved. Just Say and Believe. If you do these things, God will save you!

10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Because you believed in your heart the Lord Jesus, righteousness is credited to you, and now you have openly confessed with your mouth, thereby resulting in salvation. It's that simple!

IV. 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. v11 Scripture says, 'Christ will never disappoint anyone who trusts in Him.'

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

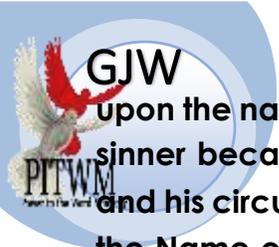
Christ makes no distinction between men (Jew or Greek). He is the same Lord over all. God does not save one man a certain way and another man another way. They all have to believe in Jesus Christ! Neither does He reject a man because he is a Jew or a Greek (Gentile). He does not show partiality or favoritism 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. This shows us that a man must call upon Jesus to receive the riches of God's mercy and grace. There is no difference between Jews and Gentiles. They all have the same Lord. God is generous to everyone who asks him for help.

2. 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.

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





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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 the Name of the Lord! He 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.
- 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 his or her 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.

Scripture says, *'God will save everyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord.'*

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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).**