

# Romans 10:5-21

## Salvation Is for All

- ◆ Moses wrote this about being put right with God by obeying the Law: “Whoever obeys the commands of the Law will live.” But what the scripture says about being put right with God though faith is this: “You are not to ask yourself, Who will go up into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down). “Nor are you to ask, Who will go down into the world below?” (that is, to bring Christ up from death). What it says is this: “God’s message is near you, on your lips and in your heart”—that is, the message of faith that we preach. If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved. For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved. The scripture says, “Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed.” This includes everyone, because there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles; God is the same Lord of all and richly blesses all who call to him. As the scripture says, “Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.” But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed? And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, “How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!” But not all have accepted the Good News. Isaiah himself said, “Lord, who believed our message?” So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through preaching Christ. But I ask: Is it true that they did not hear the message? Of course they did—for as the scripture says: “The sound of their voice went out to all the world; their words reached the ends of the earth.” Again I ask: Did the people of Israel not understand? Moses himself is the first one to answer: “I will use a so-called nation to make my people jealous; and by means of a nation of fools I will make my people angry.” And Isaiah is even bolder when he says, “I was found by those who were not looking for me; I appeared to those who were not asking for me.” But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I held out my hands to welcome a disobedient and rebellious people.”
- ◆ Moses spoke about being put right with God by obeying the law, this is true, if we obey the law we’ll be put right with God but unfortunately we don’t obey the law. Now comes the message of faith, what it says is this: the word of God is near us, its on our lips and in our hearts. By proclaiming/confessing Christ as Lord we’ll be saved and by believing that God raised Christ from death we’ll be put right with God.
- ◆ Whoever believes in God will never be disappointed, this is for all Jews and Gentiles alike. God is for all and blesses whoever call to him
- ◆ Faith comes by hearing the message and the message comes through preaching Christ. This means for people to have faith, they need to hear the word about Christ. When they hear the word, they need to believe in it. For them to hear the word, it has to be preached. For the word to be preached they have to be messengers and God has done all that already. The word has been preached all over the world and all have heard it.

- ◆ Do we understand the word? Yes we understand the message but we're just rebellious and disobedient. If we're rebellious and disobedient God will appear to those not looking for him and he will shame and anger us using fools.