GOD’S MESSAGE TO THE LOST WORLD

Romans 10:1-21

Key verse 10:9

*“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

1. Read verses 1-4. What is Paul’s desire and prayer? Why is the Israelites’ zeal for God not sufficient to save them? What is the knowledge that they need in order to be saved (3:10, 21-26)? Why do they not submit to God’s righteousness?
2. Read verses 5-8. What is the difference between the righteousness that is by the law and the righteousness that is by faith (See Lev 18:5; Dt 30:11-14)? Why is it impossible to achieve righteousness by our own effort?
3. Read verses 9-10. What must we do to be saved (9)? What does it mean to “declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’”? What does it mean to “believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead” (Ac 10:39-43)? Why is it so important to make a confession of Christ (Mt 16:15-18; Jn 21:15-17; Lk 8:45-48)?
4. Read verses 11-13. What does God promise in Scripture to those who believe in the Lord and call on his name (Isa 28:16; Joel 2:32)? What is the significance of “anyone” and “everyone”?
5. Read verses 14-15. What is the chain reaction of belief described by Paul? How does Paul (and Isaiah) describe the beauty of those who bring good news? Think about how God calls and co-works with people to make his salvation known to all the world (Isa 6:8; Jer 1:6-8; Mt 28:19-20).
6. Read verses 16-21. How did the Israelites hear the word of the gospel? Did God give up when Israel did not believe? What can we learn about God and his ways of working (21)?