

Studies In Romans

(Romans 10:1-10)

1. What did Paul desire for Israel?

For them to be saved: *“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved”* (Romans 10:1).

- **I Samuel 12:20-23, I Samuel 15:35, and Romans 9:1-3.**
- It is God's desire that all be saved (**Isaiah 45:22, Ezekiel 33:11, I Timothy 2:4, Titus 2:11, and II Peter 3:9**) and we should be like Him (**Ephesians 5:1**).
- Remember, we are all blessed because Jesus came through Israel (**Acts 13:23**), specifically Judah (**Hebrews 7:14**).

2. Did Israel have a good zeal?

No: *“For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge”* (Romans 10:2).

- Zeal can be misplaced (**John 16:1-3, Acts 21:20-31, Galatians 1:13-14, Galatians 4:16-17, and Philippians 3:4-6**).
- Zeal has to be according to knowledge (**Proverbs 19:2**).
- Zeal without knowledge leads to bad things (**Isaiah 3:12, Isaiah 9:16, and Mathew 15:14**).
- Though their zeal was not good, being zealous for good is what we should be (**Galatians 4:18, Titus 2:14, and Jude 3**).

3. What kept Israel from submitting themselves to the righteousness of God?

Ignorance and self-righteousness: *“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”* (Romans 10:3).

- God has a righteousness (**Psalms 71:19 and Jeremiah 23:5-6**) that is revealed through His word (**Romans 1:16-17**).
- Self-righteousness (**Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 16:2, Proverbs 20:6, Proverbs 21:2, Proverbs 28:26, Proverbs 30:12-13, Isaiah 5:21, II Corinthians 10:18, Galatians 6:3, and Revelation 3:14-19**).
- God expects us to submit to Him (**Psalms 119:2, Proverbs 19:16, Luke 11:28, John 15:10, I John 2:3-6, and II John 6-9**).

4. Who was the end of the Law of Moses?

Christ: *“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth”* (Romans 10:4).

- **Matthew 5:17, John 1:17, Acts 13:38-39, Romans 7:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-17, Galatians 3:11-29, Colossians 2:10-14, and Hebrews 9:11-17.**
- To everyone the believeth (**Mark 16:15-16 and John 3:18**; cf. **Galatians 5:4**).

5. What did Moses write about righteousness?

“For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them” (Romans 10:5).

- **Leviticus 18:5, Nehemiah 9:29, and Ezekiel 20:11.**
- It was not of faith (**Galatians 3:11-12**).
- The Law of Moses was just about doing (**Deuteronomy 27:26**).
- Those works of the Law could not save (**Galatians 2:16**).
- Now, works are a result of faith rather than law (**James 2:14-26**).

6. How much does a person’s heart have to do with faith?

Much: *“(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:) (7) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) (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; (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” (Romans 10:6-9).*

- Righteousness by faith (**Romans 3:22-25, Romans 4:13, and Philippians 3:9**).
- The phrase “say not in thine heart” shows we think from the heart (**Deuteronomy 8:13-18 and Luke 12:45-46**; cf. **Matthew 9:4**).
- You cannot go to Jesus and see Him (**John 13:33 and John 13:36**), therefore you must believe in Him (**John 14:1-3**).
- The word in the heart (**Deuteronomy 30:14**).
- Not the words of the Law of Moses though, the words of faith (**I Timothy 4:6**) that come through the word (**Romans 10:17**).
- Must confess Christ (**Matthew 10:32-33, Acts 8:36-38, Philippians 2:5-11, I John 4:15, and II John 7**).
- Faith in the heart (**Hebrews 10:22**).

7. Does faith and confession bring you unto or into Christ?

Unto: *“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10).*

- Confession, along with many things (**Matthew 13:19, John 8:32, John 8:23-24, I Thessalonians 2:13, Luke 14:25-33, Luke 13:3, Acts 3:19, James 1:18-25, etc.**), brings you unto Christ.
- After those things (**Acts 2:37-41, Acts 8:12-13, and Acts 18:8**), it is then water baptism that puts one INTO Christ (**Romans 6:3-6, Galatians 3:27, and Colossians 2:12**).