

Romans

How to be a Christian without Being Religious!

Lesson 10

Romans 10: 1-21

Jews Must Come by Faith Also!

1. Read Romans 10:1-4. What was Paul's desire for his fellow Jewish brethren? How did Paul characterize their desire to know God? Paul says in verse 2 that their zeal was not based on knowledge. What was it based on?
2. How did the Jews attempt to establish their own righteousness (Matthew 23:27-28; Luke 11:52; Isaiah 29:13 and 64:6)? How were they not willing to submit to God's righteousness (Romans 1:16-17)?
3. In verse 4, Paul states that "Christ is the end of the law." Dr. John MacArthur in his commentary on Romans explains "that belief in Christ as Savior and Lord brings to an end the sinner's futile quest for righteousness through his own imperfect attempts to fulfill the law. When a sinner receives Christ, he also receives the gift of Christ's own righteousness." According to this verse, righteousness is available only to those who do what?
4. Read Romans 10:5-13. According to verse 5, if a man wants to obtain righteousness by the law, what must he do to perfection?
5. In verses 6-7, Paul explains that to obtain this righteousness by faith does not require mankind to search the heavens or to go into the depths of the earth. According to Paul, where is this righteousness to be found or obtained (v. 8)? How had God revealed the true way to righteousness to His chosen people, the Jews (See Romans 3:21; Luke 24:25-27; 24:44; Acts 3:24-26; John 10:38; 14:11)? Think back over their long history as a people.
6. How can the word be near someone, even in their mouth and heart, without them understanding and believing (John 5:39-40; and I Corinthians 2:14)? Has the word been near you? What has been your response?
7. What are the two conditions necessary, according to vv. 9-10, by which a person is saved? What does it mean to "believe in your heart?" What does this

word, believe, mean? Why do you think Paul did not say, “Believe in your mind?”

8. Why do you think confession with your mouth is so important to the Lord (Matthew 10:32-33)? Have you ever confessed Jesus publicly? Have you ever told someone else that you have personally placed your trust in Jesus?
9. According to verse 13, who may call on the name of the Lord and be saved?
10. Read Romans 10:14-21. What are the four conditions necessary for a person to call on Jesus Christ and be saved (vv. 14-15)? What does Paul imply in verse 15 regarding God’s feelings towards those who share their faith with others?
11. What is the most important tool to be used for faith to be born in an individual?
12. Did all of the Israelites believe the Gospel? According to verse 18, did they have any excuse for not believing? Think back to the days of Jesus and life after He ascended. What were the disciples and many others (the Apostle Paul for one) busy doing? Did the Jews have ample opportunity to respond? How about today? Do men and women in America have any excuse for not responding?
13. In verse 19, Paul asks the question, “Did Israel not understand?” According to verses 19-20, who did respond to the Gospel? Did this group of people (the Gentiles) have more or less understanding of Scripture? What was God’s purpose in giving the Gospel to the Gentiles (Romans 11:11)?
14. According to verse 21, what has God been doing all along to the Jews, His chosen people? What is God doing to the world today? Why (II Peter 3:9)? Has the Lord been holding out his hands to you? Have you responded?