

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Romans 10:14-21**.
- B. Our God is sovereign. He is supreme in power, rank, and authority. He is also very effectual as the cure and remedy for Israel.
- C. Salvation rests in JC. All people both Jew and Gentile must return to God from their sins, through X.
- D. Paul shows that even though Israel has brought forth the X, they will be lost if they do not turn in obedience to Him.

I. THE REMEDY FOR THEIR REJECTION.

- A. See **Rom. 10:14-17**.
- B. The only way unbelieving Jews can be saved is by calling on the Lord.
How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" However, they did not all heed the glad tidings; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"
- C. Notice the progression here:
 - 1. Before they can call on the Lord, they must believe on Him.
 - 2. Before they can believe on Him, they must hear about Him.
 - 3. Before they can hear about Him, they must have a preacher to teach them.
 - 4. Before they can have a preacher, one must be sent to them.
- D. Saving faith in X comes by hearing the Word preached (10:17).
So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
These verses are often used to be the motto of a mission program.
- E. ***The gospel has the power to save.***
 - 1. The gospel is the power of God (1Cor. 1:18).
For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
 - 2. The gospel is greater than the wisdom of the ages (1Cor. 1:19,20).
For it is written, "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?
 - 3. The world in its wisdom did not come to know God (1Cor. 1:21).
For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.
 - 4. The gospel is greater than miracles or wisdom (1Cor. 1:22).
For indeed Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom;
 - 5. The gospel is the wisdom and power of God (1Cor. 1:23-24).
...but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- F. "Who has believed our report?" That is, who has obeyed our report? The act of being a believer is always conjoined in the NT with obedience (Rom. 6:17; Jn. 3:36).
(Rom 6:17) But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,
(Jn. 3:36) "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- G. God's remedy for Israel's rejection is that they need to hear, believe, and obey the gospel. They must accept JC as the Son of God, the promised Messiah, to be saved.

II. THE RESULTS OF THEIR REJECTION.

A. **Israel is guilty** (10:18).

But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have; “THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD.”

1. No one can argue that Israel has not heard the message. The problem is not from a lack of hearing, but is that they did not heed what they heard.
2. God is revealed in three great ways:
 - a. In His creation (Psa. 19:4; Rom. 1:18-20).
 - b. In His word (Psa. 19:7-11; Rom. 3:1-2).
 - c. In His Son (Jo. 1:1,14,18; 14:9).

B. **The message goes to the Gentiles** (10:19-20).

But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? At the first Moses says, “I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU.” And Isaiah is very bold and says, “I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.”

1. One reason for God sending the gospel to the Gentiles is to make Israel jealous of that blessing inasmuch they would turn and desire it also. By sending the good news to the Gentiles, God performed an act of grace to both Jew and Gentile.
2. Isaiah prophesied that the Gentiles who believed would be saved (Isa. 65:1).

“I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’ To a nation which did not call on My name.
3. Of course, the gospel went to the Jew first (Rom. 1:16):

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

 - a. Jesus’ limited commission was to send the apostles only to the Jews (Mt. 10).
 - b. The early church went only to the Jews for a awhile (Ac. 1-6).
 - c. After the stoning of Stephen by “Israel” God sent the gospel to the Samaritans (Ac. 8) and then all the Gentiles (Ac. 10ff).
4. The message of the gospel is to save both Jew and Gentile, and put them into one fellowship, that is the church (Gal. 3:28-29; Eph. 2:11-19).

(Gal 3:28-29) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

(Eph 2:11-19) Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands--remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household,

C. **God still yearns over His people** (10:21).

But as for Israel He says, “ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE.”

1. This quotation is from Isa. 65:2. “All day long” certainly refers to this present “day of salvation” or day of grace in which we live.
2. Through Paul, and the others sent to preach the gospel, God is stretching out His arms of love to His disobedient people. He yearns over them, asking them to return to Him, through His Son.
3. God is being patient with all people (Jew and Gentile), desiring them to repent (2Pet. 3:9).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Israel's election (salvation) is in the gospel.
- B. The Gentiles election (salvation) is in the gospel.
- C. Today, are you one that might be categorized as a disobedient or stubborn people?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.