

Romans

(34) Israel and salvation by faith

The major error of the nation of Israel...10:1-4

From his heart, again, what does Paul share with us? 10:1

He shares his hearts desire, and prayer, that the Israelites might be saved.

Given his teachings in chapter 8-9, what's so important in this verse?

He's not 'let God do it'. He's begging God for their salvation. That's the model for us.

While understanding God's sovereign election, what does he now point out? vs.2 Acts 9:1-2

Their responsibility. Zealous for God, but not based on (correct) knowledge. Guilty.

And specifically what part of their knowledge was wrong? vs.3 Mt.15:8-9

They were ignorant of God's righteousness (by faith), tried to do it on their own (works)!

What is the truth for all 'law-keepers', seeking righteousness with God? vs.4

Christ ends law keeping. There is righteousness for everyone who *believes* (faith).

The plan of salvation, by faith in Christ...10:5-15

What's the point re the Law in verse 5? Lev.18:5 James 2:10; Gal.3:11-12

The Law only cursed those who didn't keep it perfectly, all the time. Law → wrath, 4:15

Does the OT teach salvation by faith? vs.6-7 Deut.30:9-10 Gen.15:6

Absolutely! No need to search high and low for Christ! The search is in your heart.

How does Paul identify the NT gospel in the OT? vs.8 Deut.30:14

The word (of salvation through faith) is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.

And now Paul lists the salvation events. What does he list? vs.9 See James 2:19

IF you confess verbally that Jesus is Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead...

And what is the reason this results in salvation? vs.10

1. In your heart, you believe (faith) 2. With your mouth you confess, and are saved.

And is this faith salvation sufficient? vs.11 Isa.28:16

Completely! Justified, sanctified, and glorified by faith in Christ as personal Lord.

Did this OT faith salvation only extend to the Jews? vs.12-13

No! To Jew and Gentile. No difference. Same Lord of all. Everyone who calls, will be saved

Does this contradict his earlier teaching of God's choosing? see John 6:37

Absolutely not! God's choice is first, then we're given faith to call on Him for salvation.

From a human perspective, how does Paul describe the salvation process? vs.14-15

We must call on Him, believe in Him. Have to hear! Need a preacher! Need to be sent!

Why do we send out preachers, teachers, missionaries, crusades, camps, VBS's, etc...?

So that everyone may hear, and the chosen will respond. What a privilege!!

How does God feel about those who share the gospel? vs.15b

They have beautiful feet! How are your feet? Does God smile on your feet??