

1Brethren, my heart's desire **and** my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation. **2**For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but **not** in accordance with knowledge. **3**For not knowing about **God's** righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. **4**For Christ is the **end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**

5For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. **6**But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), **7**or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?'"¹⁴ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." **8**But what does it say? "**THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART**" [[Deuteronomy 30:14](#)]**—**that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, **9**that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; **10**for with the **heart** a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. **11**For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." **12**For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; **13**for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

14How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a **preacher?** **15**How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" [[Isaiah 52:7](#)]

1-4 What is/was wrong with Israel's zeal for God?

3 What caused their failure? What does it mean to subject one to the righteousness of God?

4 What is the condition for Christ fulfilling ([τελος](#)) the Law?

How does belief accomplish this objective?

5-13 Paul contrasts those who live by the law with those who live by faith in God's righteousness. What Scripture does he use to support his point?

5 What is the nature of the law of the person who practices righteousness based on the law?

6-7 What is Paul contrasting here? See verse 8.

8-10 Paul is making an argument for a righteousness based on faith in the Lord God; specifically the word of faith,

1. The Word is _____ you; it is in your heart ([Deut 30:14](#))

2. If you confess with your mouth (_____) that Jesus is Lord.

3. Believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead (_____).

4. With the heart (_____) a person believes (see 10:4), and

—Just what is the "heart" here? > Cardio?

5. With the mouth we confess (_____)

We will be _____.

12-13 Why is Paul re-iterating no distinction between Jew and Gentile here?

What does it mean to "**call** on the **name** of the Lord?"

14-21 Practical concerns...Now what?

14 We can't call on God if we do not _____?

We can't _____ if we have not _____.

We can't _____ without a _____.

(κηρυσσοντων, [2784](#); to be a herald, to proclaim _____)

The preacher must be _____.

15 Who is beautiful here? Why?

¹⁴[Deuteronomy 30:13](#) "And it is not across the sea, as though one must say, 'Who will cross over to the other side of the sea and get it for us and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?' "



16However, [*sic*] they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?” **17**So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

18But 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.”

19But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says,

“I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU.”

20And Isaiah is very bold and says,

“I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME, *because* **I BECAME MANIFEST** [εμφανης, em-phah-neis, **1717**] TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.” [Isaiah 65:1]

21But as for Israel He says, “ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE.” [Isaiah 65:2]

16-21 What problem is Paul addressing here?

_____.

Why did we not heed “the good news?”

16-18 Who has not heard? How so? [Psalm 19:4](#)

20 What about those who did not seek God?

21 And for those who had God’s promise?
How was/is this disobedience and obstinance manifested?

