

Romans 10:1-21
“Breakthrough”

~ INTRO. ~

THE LAST TIME WE WERE TOGETHER...

- We read the historical way God chose certain men...
 - AND... then we studied thru four topics of *election*:
 - Election begins with God’s choice
 - Election shows God’s character
 - Election shows God’s mercy
 - Election shows God’s fairness

~ STUDY ~

TODAY...

- We look at (Rom.10) and the justice of God.

IDEA #1 – KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE (vv.1-13)

(v.2) ZEAL = A great energy in pursuit of a cause or objective.

TODAY THE WORLD IS FILLED WITH...

- All sorts of religions trying to earn God’s approval...
 - By being a good person.
 - Only to miss the way God accepts.

IN THE CHURCH...

- Men & women alike want to serve God...
 - But they reject Jesus & His way.

(John 14:6) “*I Am the way...*”

(John 14:15) “*If you love Me, keep My commandments.*”

SERVING GOD...

- Starts with knowing God.
 - AND zeal must be combined with truth.

(v.3) PAUL GIVES THE ERROR OF THE JEWS & OTHERS.

- People want to bypass the baby – the Christ.
 - By refusing to submit to the Son of God...

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- Who fulfilled the law...
 - And paid the price for all human sin.

NOW... PAUL TAKES FROM (Deut. 30:11-17)

- When Moses was talking about living a life of faith.

SO TOO...

- Paul is explaining how a life of faith starts...
 - Thru the doctrines of incarnation & resurrection
 - Which are to be followed by faith.

(v.6) He's speaking about the incarnation of Christ...

- (John 1:1 & 14) NKJV
 - God incarnate 100% God & 100% man.
 - In theology it's called the Hypostatic union.

(v.7) Advances to the resurrection of Christ.

(v.8) This is the Gospel message of Christ... (the forgiveness of sins)

- Which can only be received by faith in what Jesus did...
 - And NOT by works of merit.
 - He saying this is NOT too hard to understand.

(v.9a) Now he explains how to respond in faith:

Confess = The idea is to vocalize a pledge.

CONFESSION...

- Is NOT empty talk in an emotional moment...
 - Rather it's a bold... public proclamation...
 - Of one's conviction and hope in Christ.

THE PERSON THE JEW'S REJECTED...

- Was the baby from Bethlehem...
 - The incarnation of God.
- Jesus in the NT is the Lord (Jehovah) in the OT.
 - (John 1:14) NKJV

Lord = (G#2962) *ku-re-os*...

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- One who has control of another.
- Ruler of one’s life.
- To whom a person or thing belongs.

(v.9b) *Belief in the resurrection...*

(vv.10-13)

HERE’S THE POINT...

This is what saving faith looks like:

- 1) The **mind** as it understands the Gospel message.
- 2) The **emotions** expressing sorrow over sin & joy over grace.
- 3) And deals with the submission of **will** to Christ for control.

MANY...

- Feed into the cultural-Christian delusion...
 - Filled with all grace & **NO truth**.
 - People “*Want Jesus to be savior, BUT not Lord*”
- They want fire insurance from Hell...
 - Without repentance and surrender to Christ.

THAT’S NOT THE GOSPEL MESSAGE!

- The cultural-Christian needs to be saved...
 - Because they have bought the lie of Satan.
 - That prostitutes God’s grace...
 - While keeping SELF on the throne.

GANG...

- Jesus is Lord over all OR He’s not Lord at all.

THIS IS WHAT (v.13) POINTS TO...

- Which is quoted from (Joel 2:32).

POINT BEING...

- All people are saved the same way – by embracing Christ Jesus.

IDEA #2 – Responsibility & Response (vv.14-21)

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FIRST...

- We need to own the fact...
 - That Jesus saves **FROM** something – YES.
 - But He also saves **FOR** something.

I THINK PASTORS...

- Get this wrong when WE don’t teach the whole Bible.

LET ME EXPLAIN...

- The final verses and then provide an application.

IN THE FINAL VERSES...

- Paul quotes the OT (x6)
 - (v.15) = (Isa. 52:7)
 - (v.16) = (Isa. 53:1)
 - (v.18) = (Ps. 19:4)
 - (v.19) = (Deut. 32:21-b)
 - (v.20) = (Isa. 65:1)
 - (v.21) = (Isa. 65:2)

~ IN CLOSING ~

THE TAKEAWAY FROM ALL OF THIS.

- Israel chose not to listen & they were not ready when Jesus came...
 - They turned a deaf ear & a blind eye to the scriptures...
 - Their hearts grew hard when confronted...
 - With what God wanted.

BUT Paul was hoping they would have a **“Breakthrough”**

AND BY WAY OF APPLICATION...

- The ones who are saved take the gospel forward.
 - They support the mission financially
 - They engage in serving faithfully
 - They receive the word with eagerness
 - They live a life of love for God & others

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CAN I ASK YOU TO JOIN THE MISSION...

- Of reaching the next generation today?
 - Be sure to see the facility next door before you leave.