

Study 10

# THE END OF THE LAW

## Romans 10

### In The Group

- ◆ What's the funnest thing you've done in the past two weeks?
- ◆ If you found \$50 in the pocket of your clothing tomorrow morning, what would you do with it?
- ◆ Complete the following sentence: Of all the animals, I am most like a .....

Paul's treatment of how Jews are now made right with God continues. The fact that he is even dealing with this issue reveals at least two things: firstly, no one is given right standing with God by virtue of their ethnicity (or what nationality or race they belong to); and, no one is automatically saved (as 'Universalists' claim).

1. What was the Apostle Paul's great desire based on Romans 10:1 and how does this show us that people are not automatically saved without coming to Christ?

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*Sincerity* is often confused for *truthfulness*. Just because someone is very sincere about what they believe is no measure of the truthfulness of what they are sincere about.

2. How does Romans 10:2 address the idea that God honors people's *sincerity* regardless of the truthfulness of their beliefs?

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Ignorance, says the Apostle, leads to a failure to submit to God (Rom. 10:3).

This is why the teaching of God's Word in the church is of paramount importance! Without right knowledge of God from His Word, there can not be right *beliefs* and without right beliefs there cannot be right *trust in God* and without right trust in God there can be no *salvation*. This is Paul's point in Romans 10:4.

3. What did Hosea warn was the consequence of being ignorant about God's Word? (Hosea 4:6)
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## THE LAW

Romans 10:4 states that *Christ is the end of the law*. This is not teaching that since Christ came there is now no more commands of God to be kept. Rather, the *end of the Law* means that the point or purpose of the Law has been fulfilled. Jesus Christ not only perfectly kept all of the Laws of God, He perfectly fulfilled what they were shadows of. This includes all of the Law's ceremonies and sacrifices.

4. According to Romans 10:4, who benefits from Christ 'ending' or 'fulfilling' the Law and how do they do so?
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5. There are two ways a person can have right standing before God. Select the TRUE statements based on Romans 10:5-6 -
  - a. A person can be made right with God by selling all they have and giving the proceeds to the poor.
  - b. A person can have right standing with God by perfectly keeping every Law of God and never breaking any of them in either thought, word or deed.
  - c. A person can be made right with God by giving generously to the ministry of Andrew Corbett.
  - d. A person who puts their faith in Christ and then strives to serve Him through serving in their local church can be made right with God if they maintain this service for at least 33 years.
  - e. A person can only be made right with God if they put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ and His finished work.

Paul asks who is righteous and powerful enough to summon Christ to come down from heaven and die for sins, and then to raise Him from the dead (Romans 10:6-7)? The rhetorical answer is: *no one*. Paul says that, rather, our power to be forgiven and the righteousness which results is by *faith* (or *trust* in Christ and His finished work).

In some religions it is necessary to travel great distances and perform great deeds to find *salvation*.

6. According to Romans 10:8, how far does a person really have to go in order to find salvation?
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7. Romans 10:9 is a great memory verse for Christian workers. It reveals how people receive God's offer of salvation. Noting this verse, when the Holy Spirit moves on a person, how do they respond to God's offer of salvation?
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When a person receives Christ as Saviour, they do so by *trusting* Him ("believing in their heart") so that they are *justified* - acquitted of their sin-guilt by virtue of Christ's righteousness (Romans 10:10).

8. What will a person, who is being saved, 'confess'? (Romans 10:10, note verse 9)
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9. This section in Romans is a 'Parenthesis' dealing with the question of Israel and how is a Jew made right with God. What does Romans 10:12 say that a Jew must *now* do in order to made right with God - and is this different to what a Gentile must do?
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10. Based on Romans 10:13, can a person be saved if they do not respond to God and His offer of salvation? Explain.
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## **THE NEED FOR PREACHERS**

Charles Haddon Spurgeon said that *if God has called you to be a preacher, never stoop to be a king*. We need more preachers! We especially need preaching-pastors - tens of thousands of them! There are literally thousands of churches around the world now that cannot find a pastor to preach and shepherd them. More than anyone else, the preaching-pastor of a church sets the spiritual tone of a local church. While the spiritual health of a congregation is a *thermometer* of the church, it is the preaching-pastor who is the *thermostat*!

11. What eternally significant problem does the Apostle present in Romans 10:14 and how can *you* be a part of solving this enormous problem (consider Rom. 10:15)?

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The preaching of the Gospel can be done as a one to one *witness*, or as a highly planned and organised event where a highly gifted professional preacher delivers the message. Every believer plays a vital and necessary role in preaching the Gospel. Some are called to do it as a vocational call (whether ‘full-time’ or ‘bi-vocationally’) to larger groups of people. More are called to preach to smaller groups of people. Some are called to only share the Gospel one-on-one. But *all* are called to play a role in the preaching of the Gospel in some way.

12. Just because the Gospel is preached, does it mean that it will be *received* by all who hear it? (Romans 10:16, 18) Why?

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The closing verses of Romans 10 discuss why Israel had largely rejected the Gospel - even though it had been preached to them.

13. What does Romans 10 tell us about the Gospel?

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14. In what way has God spoken to you through our study of Romans 10?

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15. Write out your prayerful response to God, based on our study of this chapter-

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*Amen.*