

Romans 10

In Romans 9-11, Paul specifically addresses Israel, and what will happen to them now that Christ has come. Although he speaks of Israel rejecting Christ, his tone is not anger but anguish and heartbreak.

Read Romans 10: 1-4

1. From v.1, describe Paul's attitude.
2. Yet, note their dilemma: zeal, not enlightened, ignorant, seeking their own righteousness, not submitted... i.e. stiff-necked?
3. "Christ is the end of the law" - other translations:
 - NIV: culmination of the law
 - NCV: Christ ended the law
 - NIRV: Christ has fulfilled everything the law was meant to do.
 - NLT: Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given.
 - Barclay: Christ is the end of legalism.

In the rest of the chapter, Paul uses many allusions to the Old Testament..

Read Romans 10: 5-13

v. 5: cf Leviticus 18:5 by doing so shall live
v. 6 cf Deut 30:12 ascend to heaven
v. 7 cf Deut 30:13 descend into the abyss
v. 8 cf Deut 30:14 the word is near you

v.9 ...confess with your mouth and believe in your heart
v.12 no distinction between Jew and Greek
v.13 everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

Read Romans 10: 14-20

vv. 14-15 the backwards (reverse) procession:
 Calling on God comes from believing
 Believing comes from hearing
 Hearing comes from proclamation
 Proclamation comes from being sent.
 And those who are sent have "beautiful feet" - cf Isaiah 52:7

Not all have believed our message -
 alludes to Isaiah 53:1 (where God's message and his servant were rejected).

Although Israel rejected their Messiah, had they not heard or understood?

v.18 cf Psalm 19:4 "yet their voice goes out through all the earth..."
v.19 cf Deut 32:21 They made God jealous with their false gods so God would make them
 jealous by blessing a non-people
v.20 cf Isaiah 65:1 "found by those who did not seek me...who did not ask" i.e. the Gentiles