

Lesson 17
Israel Is Responsible and Without Excuse
(Romans 10:1-21)

• **Questions**

1. What was Paul's attitude toward his fellow-Israelites and why (10:1)?

2. What kind of zeal did the Israelites have (10:2)?

3. What kind of righteousness did the Israelites seek to have (10:3)?

4. What is Jesus Christ's relationship to the law (10:4)?

5. What two kinds of righteousness does Paul speak of in verses 5 through 8?

6. What must be confessed and believed in order to be saved (10:9-10)?

7. For whom is the offer of salvation (10:4b,11-13)?

8. What must first take place before one can "call upon the Lord" (10:14-15)?

9. Did Israel obey God's word (10:16)?

10. How does belief or faith come to a person (10:17)?

11. Did Israel hear God's word (10:18)?

12. What did Moses and Isaiah say about non-Israelite people (10:19-20)?

13. Israel was what kind of people (10:21)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. How does Romans 10:1 relate to Romans 9:1-3 and Romans 9:31-33?

2. What is the "righteousness of God" that comes by faith (10:3-4; see 1:17-17; 3:21-22)?

3. What Old Testament scripture is referenced in verse 5?

4. What Old Testament scripture is referenced in verses 6 through 8?

5. What Old Testament scriptures are quoted in verses 11 and 13?

6. How does one "call upon the Lord" (10:12,13,14; see also Acts 2:21,38; 22:16)?

7. What Old Testament scripture is quoted in verse 15?

8. What Old Testament scriptures are quoted in verses 18 through 21?

9. What does “gainsaying” (KJV) mean (10:21)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Like Paul, we should have a strong, heart-felt desire for our fellow-man to be saved. We should pray for the lost (10:1).
2. Just because someone is zealous in religion does not mean they are right in religion. One can be zealous, ignorant and disobedient at the same time (10:2-3).
3. Ignorance is no excuse for disobedience (10:3).
4. God’s word is near us, accessible and not difficult to obey. All people are without excuse if they ignore or disobey God’s word (10:8).
5. A heart receptive of the truth is fundamental to salvation (10:8).
6. Let us never be prejudiced. The gospel is for all: “whosoever” (10:13)
7. Note the importance in the following: preaching, leading to hearing, leading to believing, leading to calling upon the Lord; that is, obeying the gospel (10:14-15).
8. Faith comes by the conditional hearing of God’s word, not the unconditional election of God as per Calvinism (10:17).
9. Like Paul, we should appeal to the scriptures for support of our beliefs (10:18-20).
10. Let us not be disobedient and contradictory toward God like the Jews were (10:21).