



# **NT 2732 The Book of Romans**

## **Chapters 9 – 16**



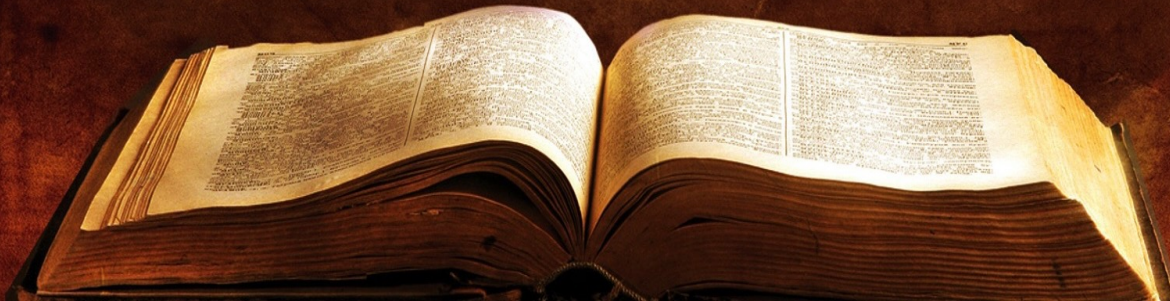
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A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF  
ROMANS

CHAPTER 10A





**This week...**

**Chapter 10a:**

**The Word of Faith Brings  
Salvation**





## Chapter 10

**Verse 1-** *Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.*

Paul will continue to write about difficult matters, so he begins by reminding them of his affection for them in Christ. They are his spiritual brothers and sisters. Paul knows that Israel has denied and forsaken the truth of Jesus as Messiah, but that there would be a remnant that would be saved (Revelation 7, 12). Ultimately, Israel would return to God in acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah.



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**Verse 2-** *For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.*

If anyone knew what it meant to be zealous for God as a Jew, Paul did. It was part of his personal testimony before his Damascus road salvation. He was a persecutor of the church (Philippians 3:4-7).

Sadly, Paul also knew from personal experience that the zeal of the Jews was misplaced and “not in accordance with knowledge.” They were ignorant (*a-* not + *ginosko-* to know = *agnoountes*)



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**Verse 3-** *For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.*

*For-* This introduces the reason for what Paul writes in verses 1-2. They are ignorant that righteousness comes from God, not their own acts. With the truth given to them and entrusted to them by God, they should have known, but they did not. Instead, they tried to establish their own righteousness as the source of their salvation.

This is the theme of chapter 10- The ignorance of Israel.



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**Verse 4-** *For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

The Law demands perfection. It was never meant to stand forever as it was a way to point to Jesus, the Messiah. Jesus kept the Law perfectly, so He put an end to it. Those who believe in Him have found this truth, and those who have not are still ignorant.

Because He fulfilled the law and atoned for our sin, His righteousness is now available to anyone who believes, not just the Jews.



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**Verse 5-** *For Moses writes of the righteousness that is based on the Law, that the person who performs them will live by them.*

Theoretically, there are two ways to salvation- to keep the law perfectly or rely on someone who has. Since it is impossible to keep the law of Moses perfectly, there really is just one way to salvation- to rely on the one person who has kept it perfectly- Jesus.

The Law points us in the right direction- to Jesus, but it also condemns us as we break it daily. James 2:10- *For whoever keeps the whole Law, yet stumbles in one point, has become guilty of all.*



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**Verse 6-** *But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will go up into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down),*

The righteousness Jesus offers is both available and accessible.

Paul uses Deut. 30:11-14 to make his point. This is Moses speaking to Israel :

*“For this commandment which I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it far away. **It is not in heaven**, that you could say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us, and proclaim it to us, so that we may follow it?’ **Nor is it beyond the sea**, that you could say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us and get it for us and proclaim it to us, so that we may follow it?’ On the contrary, the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may follow it.*



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**Verse 7-** *or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).’*

Paul continues to write about how the righteousness of Christ is accessible and available to everyone. There are no brave feats of strength needed. No acts of valor or courage. Simply believing and trusting in what He has already done.

Jesus has come down from heaven at Bethlehem and has come up from the grave victorious. We do not need to seek him in either place- He is ready to save us if we believe in Him.



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**Verse 8-** *But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,*

For us to have to do anything other than believe would change the nature of the gospel and the righteousness He provides. This is what the Jews were stumbling over.

They are making the simple message of the gospel too hard on purpose. Jesus was as close to them, more than any other people, yet they rejected Him.



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**Verse 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;*

This is part of the Romans Road to Salvation.

Salvation is both confession (outward) and belief (inward) in the plain truth of the gospel message. It is both outward and inward.

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*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.*



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**Verse 10-** *for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

This is a continuation of the previous verse. A person's mouth and heart become central to their acceptance or rejection of the gospel message.

The ultimate point: We can be saved and in right relationship with God!

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**Verse 11-** *For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”*

Paul continues to write as he quotes Isaiah 28:16. In the present age and the age to come, those who profess Christ will not be ashamed.



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**Verse 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;*

Paul writes something that is shocking and offensive to the Jews of his day. The Jews, God's chosen people (starting with Abraham), were meant to be a "showcase nation" to all other nations as they expected and received the Messiah.

Instead of being a people of faith (as their father Abraham), they began to trust their own righteousness and keeping of the Law as a basis of their salvation. Salvation is now for all.



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**Verse 13-** *for “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

A verse that many include in the Romans Road to Salvation. Once again, Paul quotes from the Old Testament (Joel 2:32) to show that true faith in Jesus is possible, unlike what Jesus described in Matthew 7:21-23:

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; leave Me, you who practice lawlessness.’*



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**Verse 14-** *How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?*

Calling on Jesus means showing faith in Him and what He has done, not just invoking His name. Through a series of rhetorical questions, Paul shows the necessity of preaching and evangelism. It is possible to read God's Word and be saved, but in Paul's day, most people were illiterate. They needed to hear someone present the gospel to understand it and be saved.



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**Verse 15-** *But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”*

People are called to salvation and some are called to preach. God still calls and sends men to preach the gospel world.

Again, Paul quotes from Isaiah 52:7 to amplify the truth of men being called and sent to preach the gospel:

*How delightful on the mountains  
Are the feet of one who brings good news,  
Who announces peace  
And brings good news of happiness,  
Who announces salvation.*



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**Verse 16-** *However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”*

Paul writes that everything needed for all of mankind to be saved has been done. Jesus came, lived a perfect life, atoned on the cross for all sin, died, and was resurrected. Afterward, He commissioned men to preach the good news of the gospel, which some believed, and others did not. The Jews' unbelief was not merely a casual refusal but stubborn and willful unbelief.

Paul again quotes Isaiah 53:1 to show that disobedience by refusing to believe was true of Jews in the Old Testament too.



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**Verse 17-** *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

Paul builds on the idea of the previous verse by showing that hearing (accepting) is important only if a truthful report is given (the word of Christ).

What was true in Paul's day is still true today. Those who disbelieve do so because they do not want to believe the message Christ and His followers preached and still preach today.



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**Verse 18-** *But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? On the contrary: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."*

Paul wrote to Jews that regarding the gospel, there is either obedience or disobedience. Like the Gentiles, could it be that the reason for unbelief among the Jews was that they had not heard the gospel? No, as he quotes Psalm 19:4, he shows that God has made Himself knowable to all mankind:

*"Their line has gone out into all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun."*



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**Verse 19-** *But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous with those who are not a nation, With a foolish nation I will anger you.”*

Paul develops his argument as he writes about Israel's unbelief. Not only did they reject God, but they also moved Him to jealousy as they worshipped false gods. They had an active faith in idolatry, so God would make them jealous by revealing Himself to those outside Israel.

*Deut. 32:21: They have made Me jealous with what is not God; They have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.*



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**Verse 20-** *And Isaiah is very bold and says, “I was found by those who did not seek Me, I revealed Myself to those who did not ask for Me.”*

Once again, Paul quotes Isaiah 65:1 to show that God accepted Gentiles who were found righteous by faith as He rejected Jews who were trying to become righteous by their own acts.

*“I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’ To a nation which did not call on My name.*



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**Verse 21-** *But as for Israel, He says, "I have spread out My hands all day long to a disobedient and obstinate people."*

To continue his thought, Paul quotes Isaiah 65:2. In the Old Testament, Israel was disobedient by breaking God's law. The Jews of Paul's day were disobedient by refusing to believe the gospel.

God is patiently waiting for His people to return to Him. A remnant will do so during the Great Tribulation (Revelation 7, 12).

*"I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts."*



**Next week...**

**Chapter 11a:**  
**Israel Has Not Been  
Rejected**

