

Romans 10

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. **{Or "Christ is the goal of the law." Gal3: ²³Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. Rom7: ⁴So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.}**

⁵Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." **{Or "Whoever obeys these things will find life." Lev18: ⁴You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. ⁵Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.}** ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " ^c (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " ^d (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," ^f that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **{Deut30: ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed.}** ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." **{Isa28: ¹⁶So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.}**

¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ^p

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ^q

¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" **{Isa 53: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. ...³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.}**

¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. **{TPT ¹⁷Faith, then, is birthed in a heart that responds to God's anointed utterance of the Anointed One.}** ¹⁸But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice

has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” {Ps 19: ¹The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.}

¹⁹Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, “I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding.” {TPT “I will make you jealous of a people who are ‘nobodies.’ And I will use people with no understanding to provoke you to anger.”}

²⁰And Isaiah boldly says, “I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.” ²¹But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.”