David Hodges GCBC 10/23/22 Romans #40

Salvation for All Who Call

Romans 10:5-13

Paul continues arguing for a righteousness based upon faith rather than upon works. Israel has blown its opportunity for salvation, but the offer is readily available for whoever will call out to the Lord—Jew or Gentile.

Salvation is available for those seeking righteous by faith. 5-10

10:5, Practicing a righteousness based on the Law (9:31) forces one to live by a righteousness all fail at, 3:19,20. See Lev. 18:5, Gal. 3:11,12.

10:6-8, In contrast, righteousness by faith is personified and seen as very near. Dt. 9:4a and 30:11-14 are quoted to show God has again brought His word near to us—righteousness is just a word and a heartbeat away!

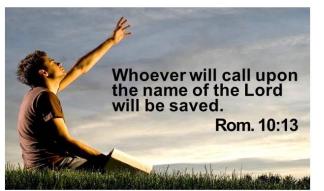
10:9-10, *Heart* follows *mouth* in v.9 as in Dt. 30, but Paul flips it in v. 10. This unique request for a *confession* is because of *mouth* in Dt. 30:14. Faith is the key (9:30, 10:4,11), but confession is expected, Matt. 12:34ff. Note both righteousness and salvation = a result of faith in 1:16,17.

Salvation is guaranteed to all people who call upon the Lord. 11-13

10:11, Again a focus on faith in Him = no shame for us, Isa. 28:16, 50:7.

10:12, Salvation is offered to <u>all</u> (4,11,13) by our *Lord <u>of all</u>*, 3:28,29. *Lord of all* recalls *Jesusas Lord* in v. 9; see Acts 10:36, Eph. 4:5.

10:13, The call/ appeal for salvation is guaranteed to be accepted by the Lord, Acts 2:21. This call to Yahweh, from Joel 2:32, here refers to Christ; and it is again through faith, see 11,14.



Note the focus here is not on us being called/elect (9:28,30,33), but on us calling out to the Lord.

Have you called upon the Lord in faith to be saved?