

Sermon Title: Israel's Failure Is Due To Pride And Prejudice

Sermon Text: Romans 9:30-10:21

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to evaluate the basis for their faith.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 reasons why Israel failed to receive the salvation of God.

- I. Israel rejects God's way of righteousness. (Faith). V.9:30-33
- II. Israel rejects God's provision of righteousness (Jesus Christ). V.10:1-13
- III. Israel rejects God's messenger of righteousness (Prophets). V.10:14-21

I. Israel rejects God's way of righteousness. (Faith). V.9:30-33

Paul point in this section of Scripture, is that God's requirement of faith for salvation does not conflict nor violate God's divine plan of redemption but has always been an inseparable requirement of the plan of salvation.

II. Israel rejects God's provision of righteousness (Jesus Christ). V.10:1-13

- A. The prayer follows the passion. V.1
- B. The problem of the ignorant zeal of Israel. V.2 (God)
- C. The peril of the ignorant standard of Israel. V.3 (Holiness/righteousness)
- D. Israel was ignorant of the provision of Christ. V.4a
- E. Israel was ignorant of the necessity of faith. V.4b-10
- F. Israel was ignorant of the parameters of salvation. Vv.11-13 (Ephesians 3:1-6)
Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
Ephesians 2:11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh-- who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- **12** that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

III. Israel rejects God's messenger of righteousness (Prophets). V.10:14-21

With a simple, flaw of progressive logic Paul explains that only those who call upon the name of the Lord, (the Lord who is deity, full authority, sovereign, all powerful, majestic, the Word, full of grace and truth) can be saved, through Him, only those who have believed in Him can call upon Him, only those who have heard of Him can believe in Him, only those who have a preacher can rightly hear of Him, and finally, no preacher can preach the true gospel who has not been sent by God. To express it in another way, if God did not send His preachers no one could hear, if no one could hear no one could believe, if no one could believe no one could call on the Lord, and if no one could call on Him no one could be saved.

The key to understanding Paul's argument in this passage is that a clear exposition of the Gospel message which gives understanding of the truth must precede saving faith. Just as He did in the Old Testament, God still sends His preachers to witness to the people of the earth of every ethnic group, culture, class, or economic level.

Israel was ignorant of the prediction of Scripture, spoken by God, through the prophets and preachers. Their ignorance was not a result of lack of truth, it was not because people did not know, they did know, and therefore had no excuse for not understanding and accepting God's worldwide parameters of salvation for humanity. (Matthew 21:33-41; Luke 14:21-24)