**Romans 10: Israel’s only hope is our only hope**

**Are you justified, but unsaved?**

**Background material in Romans:**

* **God is angry at all unrighteousness and sin**
* **God gives people over to sin’s enslavement, this is called His “wrath”**
* **“Salvation” in Romans = to be delivered from enslavement to sin**
* **Only people justified by faith can be delivered from enslavement**
* **The body of believers is dead, unable to respond to our inner self**
* **Our bodies are made alive when we set our mind on the things of the Spirit**
* **All believers are heirs of God, those who suffer with Christ co-reign with Him**
* **Israel is currently under God’s wrath and set aside during this Church Age**

**Romans 10 = Israel’s two major mistakes**

**10:1 – Paul wanted believers to be delivered from God’s wrath, but it was first necessary for them to be justified, or declared righteous, by faith (10:1-4)**

**10:2-4 Enthusiasm, Conviction, and emotion is not a substitute for truth! (v. 2) Israel’s mistake was that they pursued righteousness by works 9:31-33. They “stumbled” over Jesus, in that they looked to themselves instead of Him (10:4)**

**10:5 – Everyone who relies on the Law has to keep all of it – Gal. 3:12**

**10:6-8 – We don’t have to go to heaven to get Jesus, He’s already come. Nor do we have to raise Him, He is risen and His sacrifice accepted**

**10:9-10 – As a result, we can avoid Israel’s mistake and be delivered from wrath, as we acknowledge His Lordship and call upon Him, after we first believe in Him.**

**10:11 – Those who trust Him for deliverance will not be ashamed, as Jesus will “come through” for them.**

**10:12-13 – Jesus is Lord of al with plenty of grace for those who need it. Whoever calls on Him for deliverance will be saved.**

**Calling on the name of the Lord Abraham does it at least three times (Gen. 12:8; 13:4; 21:33). David called on the name of the Lord HIS ENTIRE LIFE! (Psalm 116:2). In Ps. 116:4b, David shows us how he did it, and in 116:8, David writes about how God helped him. It is a phrase used to mean something like “Invoking His (God’s) name for help.”**

**The classic passage used to illustrate this is Joel 2:30-32. Joel is covering the events at the end of the Tribulation. At that time, Joel writes that, “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved “For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance,” (2:32)**

**Of course, the “deliverance” will be from God’s temporal wrath of the Tribulation. At that time, Israel will repent and turn to their Messiah, believe in Him, and call upon Him for help. Then, they will be delivered from God’s wrath.**

**In Acts 2, the Day of the Lord seemed to start for Israel; Acts 3:17 was the re-offer of the Kingdom to them, followed by Israel’s rejection of the offer and the coming of the Kingdom was delayed.**

**10:14-15 – It is critical to read carefully what Paul says here. It is believers who call upon the Lord. In fact, Paul asks, “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?” The order is that first, someone is sent, THEN they preach, THEN they hear, THEN they believe, THEN they call upon Him.**

**So, in vs. 13, it is BELIEVERS who get saved (or delivered). If we follow Paul’s teaching in Romans, that’s not a problem. If we don’t, you have people who have believed and are righteous (v. 10), but unsaved.**

**10:17 – Faith should have come**

**10:19-20 – God hopes to stir Israel from His dealings with Gentiles**

**10:21 – Israel’s hardening started with their disobedience**

