

## **Wrestling with the Sovereignty of God & the Freedom of Relationship Romans Chapters 9:30-10:21 Part II**

Let's move on to chapter 10

Again, the whole second section runs to 10:21

These first 13 verses though in particular must be seen together

\* Remember our Grand Canyon Illustration – you cannot stop and stare

**Main Theme = Covenant Renewal thru Messiah**

God has done what He always promised, WAY back in Deuteronomy 30

IF Israel walked away from God, they would be exiled

But after exile, He would restore Israel

Israel of the FLESH never grasped this

[And who is the RENEWED ISRAEL that God has been faithful to restore?](#)

Children of Faith – Both Jew & Gentile

The passage begins and ends with salvation thru Messiah

- Romans 10:1, 13
- Romans 10:1-2

[Who is the THEY in verse 1?](#)

Ethnic Israel...nothing has changed from the beginning of chapter 9

[Remember, what is Paul's goal in writing to the Gentile Christians in Rome?](#)

To share Paul's huge desire to share salvation with the Jews (Covenant Family)

But they are ZEALOUS BUT IGNORANT

Ignorant = literally not according to knowledge

[What is Paul saying in these 2 verses together?](#)

Zealous as they are, they have missed the story culminating in Messiah and thus they have missed salvation itself

And what are they specifically ignorant of?

- Romans 10:3

*“For being ignorant of God's righteousness, & seeking to establish their own, they didn't submit to God's righteousness.”*

[Remember back, what does it mean to say God's righteousness?](#)

God's loyalty to His covenant to Abraham and His obligation to fix the world

Israel has MISSED that God has pulled it off because they were looking in the wrong direction

1. They never understood a joint family was God's goal (Gen. 12)
2. They never understood it was FAITH, not works, that accomplished Torah and gave life (“Abraham believed and it was credited”)
3. They never understood it was the Messiah Jesus that fulfilled God's loyalty
4. They never understood it was always a pruning down to a remnant

They missed that this is what God was up to all along

And instead they set their own up...Jews only, thru Torah keeping, according to race THEIR OWN is WAY more than just works based!

Their Covenant Membership was for Jews and Jews only

- Romans 10:4

Usually translated END, what does this mean

[Anyone have another translation?](#)

### What can END mean though in English?

END can mean termination/cessation or goal or fulfillment

Most have read this in my opinion out of the greater context and Story Paul is addressing

They read end as termination, works-based doesn't work so Messiah ended it

But that isn't consistent with what Paul has been saying

The only other time Paul uses this term TELOS (END) is in 6:21-22

- Romans 6:21-22

“end is eternal life”

END is a GOAL to Paul...the culmination

Literally translated, the verse reads as follows:

*“For end of law Messiah unto righteousness to every believing one.”*

Messiah is the subject

Somehow, Messiah's being “the end” of the law causes righteousness (i.e. a status)

Messiah is the GOAL of the Law (nomos) resulting in righteousness

Israel tried to obtain righteousness by attaining to Torah apart from faith but by works

I don't think this means Jesus brings an END to the Law like it is gone

Rather, Jesus COMPLETES the Law

What did Jesus say in the Sermon on the Mount?

I did not come to abolish the Law, I came to...FULFILL it

Since verse 6, Paul is retelling the Story of Israel so both Israel and the Gentiles get clearly what God HAS and IS up to

From Abraham and the Patriarchs, thru the Exodus and Exile to the long-awaited Covenant Renewal where both Jew and Gentile join as one family with God

This is the Story Torah teaches

- Romans 9:31

Israel pursued that Torah for righteousness but never made it

Torah is not attained thru works, or race

Torah, Israel's charter as Gospel Bearers, leads you from Abraham to ultimately Messiah, the goal of Torah, thru faith

\* Note – when you read Romans 2, nothing is said about Torah being bad and needing to be ended, Chapter 7 Torah is HOLY

Torah is not the problem – it is finding a new way of keeping it

Jesus has kept it on our behalf

(Romans 10:4 – pg 656)

- Romans 10:5-9

Now is where Duet. 30 comes into play

[Anyone remember the significance of Duet 30 from our study of the Story?](#)

\* Deut. 30 comes right after Moses' blessings and curses – Mt Ebel/Gerizim

Curses far outweigh the blessings by the way

Deut. 28:1-4 list the blessings

Verses 15-68 list the curses with more warnings listed in 29:18-28

The final curse warned about is EXILE

Blight, mildew, barrenness, poverty, sickness and a hundred other evils in the land  
But it won't stop there if they continue to not follow God  
They will ultimately be driven off their land which they are...EXILE

But, after all these things, God will reverse the devastation  
Deut. 30 is a prediction of this great return from exile  
Israel will return to God with all its heart

- Deut. 30:1-2, 6

YHWH will circumcise Israel's heart

There will be a new obedience; a new Torah keeping if you will that leads to life

Right in the middle of this great passage in verses 11-14, we find the passage Paul quotes

- Romans 10:5-9

What does it REALLY mean to "do" the Law?

Quotes Lev. 18:5 (Rom. 10:5) – brings together the ideas of "doing the Law" and "Living"

1. Moses does write about righteousness, doing them and living by them
2. But when God restores the true Israel, He will do it by the Word of faith
3. Faith that Jesus is Lord and God raised Him from the dead

- Romans 10:6-9

Two main moments in Messiah's work...descending from heaven, raising

- Deut. 30:11-14

This is how God has renewed His covenant, and fulfilled Torah and attained righteousness

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Thru faith it is attained

- Romans 9:10

From commentaries I don't think he is trying to make a one to one relationship

i.e. belief = righteousness and confession = salvation

Righteousness = status you have thru faith (legal status – membership in God's family)

Salvation = actual rescue from sin and death

- Romans 10:11-13

Quotes from Is. 28:16 again

Literally = the supreme riches that are God's He now shares with us

POINT = Those who are of the faith are "doing the law already"

How?

Those who believe in Jesus as Lord, and that God raised Him from the dead, ARE the new covenant people – people returned from exile and experiencing life in the new Kingdom

Jesus, the One on whom all the curses fell in a sense from Deut. Has attained the Law on our behalf

Now, all who believe in Him, Jew and Gentile alike, are fulfilling the Law...we are believing in Messiah as the culmination of the Gospel Story

The next section in verses 14-21 is really keyed by 11:13-14

- Romans 11:13-14
- Deut. 32:21
- Romans 9:14-15

Paul now presents 4 questions and a quote to explain the need for the Gentile mission

- a) they must have faith
- b) but to do this they must hear of Messiah
- c) For this they need someone to announce
- d) And finally to announce someone must be sent

\* beautiful = timely

And thus Paul's mission to the Gentiles as well

- Romans 10:16-18

Verse 18 he quotes Psalm 19:4

- Romans 10:19-21

“Know” = understand

Israel had been warned for centuries that Gentiles would be coming in

Actually, that they should reach them

Israel cannot claim ignorance that the Gospel was not clear

Jesus should not have been missed

Quote 1 – Deut. 32:21

Quote 2 – Is. 65:1