

ROMANS

Israel's Rejection of the Gospel (10.1-21)

A **Israel searching in the wrong places (1-4)**

Rom. 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

B **Where the law fails, faith succeeds (5-13)**

Rom. 10:5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. [Lev 18.5] ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); [Dt 30.14] ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." [Joel 2.32]

C **Israel disobeyed the gospel (14-21)**

Rom. 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? ³ And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" [Isa 52.7] ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" [Isa 53.1] ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Rom. 10:18 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for
"Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world." [Ps 19.4]

Rom. 10:19 But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,
"I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
with a foolish nation I will make you angry." [Dt 32.21]

Rom. 10:20 Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,
"I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." [Isa 65.1]

Rom. 10:21 But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." [Isa 65.2]