

**Believe and Confess<sup>1</sup>**  
**August 7, 2022**  
**Romans 10**

Coming off of where we were last week in Romans 9, Paul desires for God's chosen people to be saved. Paul moved from divine sovereignty in Romans 9 to human responsibility in Romans 10.

Israel rejects the Messiah, but why?

**They did not feel a need for salvation. (v. 1)**

Happy for political salvation, but didn't see the need to be freed from their own sin.

**They were "zealous" for God. (v. 2)**

They were actually zealous for the Law and traditions. (**Acts 26 and Galatians 1**)

But their zeal was not based on knowledge; it was heat without light. Sad to say, many religious people today are making the same mistake. They think that their good works and religious deeds will save them, when actually these practices are keeping them from being saved. Certainly many of them are sincere and devout, but sincerity and devotion will never save the soul. "Therefore by the deeds of the Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight" (Romans 3:20).

**They were proud and self-righteous. (v. 3)**

They were willfully stubborn and would not submit to God.

They were proud of themselves.

Robert Murray McCheyne, the godly Presbyterian preacher was passing out tracts one day and handed one to a well-dressed lady. She gave him a haughty look and said, "Sir, you must not know who I am!" In his kind way McCheyne replied, "Madam, there is coming a day of judgement, and on that day it will not make any difference who you are!"

**They misunderstood their own law. (vs. 4-13)**

Everything about the Jewish religion pointed to Jesus – the sacrifices, priesthood, temple services, religious festivals, etc.

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**Law of Righteousness**

**Only for the Jew**

**Based on works**

**Self-righteousness**

**Cannot save**

**Obey the Lord**

**Leads to pride**

**Faith Righteousness**

**For “whosoever”**

**Comes by faith alone**

**God’s righteousness**

**Brings salvation**

**Call on the Lord**

**Glorifies God**

**The fix for the rejection?**

To believe!

**In the end it was Israel’s choice and so is it ours. (vs.18-21)**

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Do I see I need to be saved?**
- **Am I zealous for “law” or God and things of God?**
- **Am I trusting in my work or His finished work?**