



ISRAEL REJECTS GOD'S PLAN

Romans 10:18-21

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How many opportunities did we take in communicating the gospel this week? Were others given the gospel? I realize not everyone will trust in Jesus, but we still share and tell the gospel in hopes to make disciples. This preaching of Christ is an honorable privilege and responsibility. He continues to share the mercy of God to bring about obedience among the nations. So he reminds His readers — just because salvation is given, doesn't mean it is received. Israel's spiritual condition was Paul's concern.

*"Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. **6** And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ." **Romans 1:5-6***

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*"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." **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." **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." **21** But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."*

1. God REVEALS Himself to ALL People. (v 18-20)

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. **2** Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. **3** They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them." **Psalms 19:1-3***

*"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." **Romans 1:18-20***

- All men have both INTERNAL and EXTERNAL evidence of God.
- Israel was always meant to be SOMETHING, not go SOMEWHERE.

2. God **CALLS** the NATIONS to Himself. (v 18-20)

- The NATIONS were to come to WORSHIP God to the house of Israel. (1 Kings 8:41-43)

*“As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name— **42** for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when they come and pray toward this temple, **43** then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.” **1 Kings 8:41-43***

- The Lord's plan for the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the JEW, then to the GENTILE. (Romans 1:16)

3. God Allows Our Response to RECEIVE or REJECT His Gospel. (v 19-21)

- To be saved is to SUBMIT oneself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ & REPENT from sin.
- Is Jesus LORD of your life?

*“The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” **2 Peter 3:9***

*“... God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth”
2 Timothy 2:25*

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision you could ever make is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That 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. The Bible says to REPENT of your sins, BELIEVE in Jesus thereby receiving His forgiveness. And identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.