

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 10:18-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

DID YOU HEAR THAT ?

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Foreknowledge, Adoption, Sovereignty, Justification, Predestination, Election

The Divine Outline

It is wise for us to remember that the 3 chapters of Romans 9, 10 & 11 deal with the nation of Israel and the faith presented to the Jewish people.

Chapter 9 deals with Israel's past. Chapter 10 deals with Israel's present day (from the day of Pentecost to the rapture of the church) and chapter 11 deals with Israel's coming future and the Return of her King, King Jesus to the city of Jerusalem.

It is my opinion – my understanding of the Scriptures that:

Today, You and I at this very hour are living in the last few moments (as it were) of Chapter 10 – Just before the Chapter 11 unfolds – and it's about to be revealed so...

Read Ezekiel Chapters 37-38 with the News on.

Romans 10:18-21

But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." 19 But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." 20 But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." 21 But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

DID YOU HEAR THAT ?

1.) All of Creation is Doing the Talking

vs. 18

Did You Hear That?

WHEN ALL OF CREATION IS DOING THE TALKING

1a.) The hardwired Gospel of God

vs. 18a

Romans 10:18a

But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed:

There is the fact that,
A great debate regarding the interpretation of science exists today.

Isn't that odd, almost wonderfully uncomfortable reality?

Can we know things / know stuff – yes & absolutely.

Then why is it acceptable for us to waver on the single most important reality upon which all other facts rest? – that God is the designer-engineering of all that there is.

- Hasn't Israel heard what everybody else has heard? – yes!
- Hasn't the atheist heard what everybody else has heard? – yes!
- Hasn't the religionist heard what everybody else has heard? – yes!
- Haven't you & I heard what everybody else has heard? – yes!

The Inescapable & Undeniable Reality of God.

And according to the Bible – nobody should have known better than the Jew and the Nation of Israel – sadly, this was, is not the case.

John 1:10-11

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

But What About You ?

Romans 1:16-20

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, *“The just shall live by faith.”*

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Did You Hear That?

WHEN ALL OF CREATION IS DOING THE TALKING

1b.) The observable Gospel of God

vs. 18b

Verse 18b

And this is how they have heard / and are now - hearing.

*“Their sound
has gone out to all the earth,*

sound grk: phthoggos
utterances, sounds, tones

gone out: exerchomai
departing out from. to emanate forward, to descend upon having been sent out. to be in the present tense – still going forth. (*teleonomic*)

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Can we behold His glory Today? - Yes

Look at the Dirt – Sea – Sky – Animal Life - You

And what about You?

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Did You Hear That?

WHEN ALL OF CREATION IS DOING THE TALKING

1c.) The inescapable Gospel of God

vs. 18c

*and their words
to the ends of the world.”*

Psalms 19:2-4

Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. **4** Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

This is to Humble us. We have lost the Witness of the Universe.

Psalms 8:1,3-4a

O LORD, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!... **3** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, **4a** What is man that You are mindful of him.

Remember Paul’s Argument – That God has Favored Israel,
Thus, their natural response to the supernatural is - WORSHIP

DID YOU HEAR THAT?

2.) All who are in the World are Welcome

vs. 19

Romans 10:19

But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says:
*“I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation,
I will move you to anger by a foolish nation.”*

**Did You Hear That?
ALL WHO ARE IN THE WORLD ARE WELCOME**

2a.) So why did Israel not know?

vs. 19a

Romans 10:19a

But I say, did Israel not know?

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. **20** But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. **26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ **27** “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, **28** for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ **29** Abraham said to him, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ **30** And he said, “No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ **31** But he said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

The book of Hebrews tells us that they heard with their ears but not with their hearts.
They failed to hear and see in the realm of faith.

Hebrews 4:1-2

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. **2** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Their Belief Failed Them Because it Was Misplaced – It Never was Converted to Faith

**Did You Hear That?
ALL WHO ARE IN THE WORLD ARE WELCOME**

2b.) So why did God do what He did?

vs. 19b

Romans 10:19b

First Moses says:

"I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation,

Provoke grk: poi'eo
to be pricked or poked, bothered. stirred or shaken in to acting, to be put in the place of having to consider or to cast a vote. (implying that – to know or to experience what was, is and is to be from a revealed plan.)

Isn't the Bible - God's revealed plan for all Time and Eternity ?

Jealousy grk: pa'ra'ze'loo
to be caused to want again or to desire again – to come back to.

Acts 17:25-28a

Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. **26** And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, **27** so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; **28** for in Him we live and move and have our being,

Did You Hear That?
ALL WHO ARE IN THE WORLD ARE WELCOME

2c.) So why must we be humbled

vs. 19c

Romans 10:19c

(and again) First Moses says:

I will move you to anger by a foolish nation."

This is not specifically a foreign nation as politics goes –
this is a foreign nation of believers.

The global, universal, born-again, Bible dependent, Christ following church is that
living and breathing organism. – aka: The Bride of Christ.

move grk: poieo
to be pricked or poked, bothered. stirred or shaken in to acting, to be put
in the place of having to consider or to cast a vote. (implying that – to
know or to experience what was, is and is to be from a revealed plan.)

anger grk: parorgizo
brought to anger, enraged, envy to the point of rage, vehement passion.
(Greek Scholar Kenneth Wuest argues that it is with the intent to cause
possessiveness of God and to arouse a man's desire for God)

Acts 13:26-27

"Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to
you the word of this salvation has been sent. **27** For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their
rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read
every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him.

foolish nation grk: asunetos
without understanding, having not been told or lacking the
understanding of what has been made known. "in the dark"

Deuteronomy 32:21

They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; they have moved Me to anger by
their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will
move them to anger by a foolish nation.

DID YOU HEAR THAT ?

3.) All of Grace is The Only Answer

vs. 20-21

Did You Hear That?

ALL OF GRACE IS THE ONLY ANSWER

3a.) God's grace is available

vs. 20a

Romans 10:20a

But Isaiah is very bold and says:

"I was found by those who did not seek Me

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

14a I will be found by you, says the LORD.

(This is impossible to do unless God preempts the human heart.)

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ALL OF GRACE IS THE ONLY ANSWER

3b.) God's grace is invasive

vs. 20b

Romans 10:20b

I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me."

Invasive **as opposed to** Non-Invasive.

Invasive / *adjective*

That which is aggressive, physical, engaging in or given to as an armed aggressor.
an example being - an invasive military maneuver, action or force. Having the capability to spread aggressively.

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ALL OF GRACE IS THE ONLY ANSWER

3c.) God's grace is metered

vs. 21

By Metered I Mean – like a parking meter, the time is running out.

Romans 10:21

But to Israel he says: *“All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”*

Disobedient grk: apeitheo
to knowingly disobey, to embrace disbelief, to decide not to obey.

Contrary grk: anti'lego
to speak against the Word, to seek to contradict the Word or message, to oppose.

A Congressional Prayer
And Jamie Raskin, of Maryland Responds

Genesis 6:3a

And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever.”

End of Study

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