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VI. God's sovereign choice of Israel (Part 2) 10:1-13

9:1-11:36

- 1. Brothers [and sisters], my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites (*"them"*) is that they may be saved (*"is unto salvation"*). Some translations supply *"the Israelites/Israel"* to aid in understanding the context. Paul is continuing with the thought he expressed in 9:1-5 - He loved his people and was concerned for their salvation. (See also 11:11; 25-32)**
Paul was deeply concerned for his people

- a. For I can testify (*"bearing witness"*) about them that they are zealous for God, but [their zeal] is not based on (*"according to"*) knowledge. (Prv 19:2)**
- Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. (See Isa 64:6; Php 3:8-9; Heb 10:26-31)
 - Christ is the culmination of the law (*"end, goal, whole point of," its fulfillment*) so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. (E.g., Gal 3:15-24; Php 3:9; 1 Pet 1:8-9)
- The majority of His people were seeking a works righteousness instead of trusting in the sufficiency of their Messiah.***
- b. Moses writes this about (*"concerning/that"*) the righteousness that is by the law:**
"The person who does these things will live by them." (See Lev 18:5; Gal 3:11)
Those seeking to be justified by keeping the law are self-condemned because no one can do it.

- c. But the righteousness that is by faith says:**
- "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (That is, to bring Christ down)
 - or, "Who will descend to the deep?" (That is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
See also Det 30:11-14; Jhn 3:10-14).
 - But what does it say?
 - * The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth "Jesus [is] Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
 - * For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Gen 15:6, Tit 3:3-5)
 - * As indeed scripture says, "Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame." Isa 7:9; 28:16; 1 Pet 2:6-8)
 - * For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile - the same Lord is Lord of all, and richly [blesses] all who call on Him, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Joe 2:32; Rom 11:32)
- What more can God say? The Savior has done it all. We either place our trust in Him or we do not. Where do you stand?***