

# Calvinism (V)

## God, falsely accused

“...They have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind”

– Jer.19:5.

“Who will render to each one according to his deeds” – Romans 2:6.

# I. Romans 10: God Is Faithful (cont'd.)

## Ro.10:1

- 1-3 explain further why many Jews are lost.
- Grief over their condition (9:1-3) leads to prayers for their salvation.
- If their condition is due to God's eternal decree, Paul's prayers oppose God's purpose.
  - Desire: favor, wish, based on good will.
  - Prayer: plea, request to meet a need, supplication

## Ro.10:1 – why pray?

- True: only a remnant will be saved...but Paul does not know its exact number...  
–Ac.13:46
- God may providentially use us to save.  
Amos 4:6-11
- Paul cannot / will not pray for God to save people in their sins.

## Ro.10:2

- “I’ll say this for them: they’re zealous!”

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves” – Mt.23:15

- “But not according to knowledge” –
  - 10:16-21 illustrates it.
  - 1:18-25 also true of Gentiles.

## Ro.10:3

- God's righteousness is 'by' faith (9:30...).
  - Jews knew that God is righteous
  - Jews did not know His plan to save (submit to) – Ro.1:17
- Their own righteousness:

“But we are all like an unclean thing,  
And all our righteousnesses are like  
filthy rags...” – Isa.64:6.
- Contrast Gal.3:27.

## Ro.10:4

- **END**: termination.
- **LAW**: Jews relied on law to save, but did not keep it perfectly, v.5; 9:32; 4:15.
  - Jesus both fulfills law and ends it.
  - We are not under law as way of salvation, but are required to obey Christ's law – 6:14-15; 8:2.
- **FOR**: Christ is means of righteousness *for...*
- **EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES**: Ac.8; 1 Jn.1



## Ro.10:5

- Verse 5 explains ‘righteousness of law.’

“You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD” – Lv.18:5.

- Jews were to **do** law [required in every ‘law system’].
- No one can be saved by law. Why? Because sin strikes – Ro.7:...9-10.

## Ro.10:6-7

- Verse 6 explains 'righteousness of faith' using Moses' words – Dt.30:11-14.
- One who possesses salvation can be accepted before God. How?

Must he ascend to heaven to bring Christ down to save us?

Must he descend to abyss to bring Christ up from the dead?

- Even if we could...it's not necessary.

## Ro.10:8

- Near you (in your mouth / heart): problem is not access. You have God's law: obey it!
- Jews had to obey Moses' word.
- We must believe Jesus' word of faith (salvation by His grace).
- 9-10 explain further.

## Ro.10:9

- **Confess:** say same thing; acknowledge.  
1 Tim.6:12-13.
- **Lord Jesus:** <sup>1</sup>ownership; <sup>2</sup>deity. Ph.2:9-11
- **Believe:** trust

Belief is inward; confession, outward.

Confess goes with mouth; believe, with heart

- **That God raised Him...** (We must believe this act of God)

## Ro.10:10

- Conditional salvation: believe unto righteousness . . . confess unto . . .
- Righteousness . . . Salvation
  - (Verse 9 uses only ‘saved’)
- **Calvinists:** “If you are saved, God gives you faith, and you will confess...” etc.

# Ro.10:11

- Whoever believes: <sup>1</sup>universal; <sup>2</sup>conditional.
- Not put to shame: disappointed.
  - Opposite of unconditional election.

## Ro.10:12-13

- No distinction with regard to sin (3:23) or salvation (3:30; Ac.10:34).
- Rich to all... – opulent; gives of His wealth generously to all (contrast Calvinism).
  - Ro.2:4, inexhaustible supply
- Whoever calls (conditional): appeal, Ac.25:11f.
- Paul quotes Joel 2:32 – JHVH.

## Ro.10:14-15

- God is faithful!
  - He sent good news (gospel, 16).
  - Mt.28:19 – apostles first . . . (20; Ac.8:4)
- Jews had ‘a better idea’ (v.3); cannot plead ignorance.
- “Beautiful feet” [Isa.52:7]



## Ro.10:16-17

- Jews are their own worst enemy ... did not obey the gospel. [Some did: Ac.6:7]

“...in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” – 2 Th.1:8.

- Our report: account, message. Hb.4:2.
- Faith...hearing...word of God – holds them responsible for their disobedient response.  
–Makes Word the source of faith.

## Ro.10:18

- Hearing is not same as believing (16): Jews heard, rejected...

“Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world” – Ps.19:4.

- Gospel has spread as far as general revelation in nature.

## Ro.10:19-20

- But were they able to understand?
- No! It was willful ignorance (v.3).

“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 a jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation”

– Dt.32:21.

- Moses: Israel made God jealous with ‘what is no god’; He will make Israel jealous with what is ‘no people.’

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“I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me...” – Is.65:1.

- Isaiah saw same sinful attitude...
  - If Gentiles could understand gospel and accept it, how much more the Jews?

# Ro.10:21

- He says to Israel . . .

“I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts...” – Is.65:2.

- Isaiah: blame Israel’s stubborn disobedience [not God’s lack of grace].

Blame sinners for **rejecting**,  
not God for **predestinating**.

I. Romans 10: God Is Faithful

## II. Romans 10: Death To Calvinism

9-10 lists conditions for salvation,  
but it is not a complete list.

- 10: must believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. Is this all? [Jn.11, Lazarus]
- Ro.3:25, faith must include His 'blood'
- Also ...
  - Ph.2:11, *that Jesus Christ is Lord.*
  - 2 Jn.7, *Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh.*
- 1 Pt.3:21, should we conclude this is the only requirement?

9-10: 'if you' (do these things) . . .  
this is NOT faith only.

- Belief and confession are equal conditions for salvation: both joined to 'if'
- Why is this important? If confession is required, salvation is not by 'faith alone.'



9-10: 'if you'  
is NO

Does Ac.14:15 replace  
2:38?

...or Jn.3:16?

...or Ro.10:9-10?

• No one can consider  
sage for plan ...sal

- Ac.14:15 – whole plan or shorthand?
  - No faith in Christ (3:22)?
  - No repentance?
  - No confession?
    - Why does Ro.2:4 include repentance?
    - Why does Ro.6:3-4 include baptism?

## 12-14, call . . . connected to baptism

- Acts 2:21 - “*And it shall come to pass*  
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD  
Shall be saved”
- 38:....Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”
- Acts 22:16 – “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

# Romans: verbal parallels

1:5, for obedience to the faith	16:26, for obedience to the faith
1:8, your faith spoken of in all world	16:19, obedience known to all
2:6, according to his deeds	2:10, works what is good [cf. Ja.2]
4:11, father of all who believe	4:12, who walk in steps of faith of Abraham
6:17, were slaves of sin...	6:17, obeyed ... slaves of righteousness
10:16, not all obeyed the gospel...	10:16, who has believed our report?

# Conclusion

- If double predestination is true, what *should* these passages say?
- Romans affirms the sovereignty of God, but just as clearly affirms the free agency of man.