

The background of the slide is a photograph of the interior of the Colosseum in Rome, taken at night. The structure is illuminated from below, highlighting the arches and the tiered seating areas. The top of the image shows the upper levels of the arena, which are mostly empty and dark. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and historical.

The Epistle to the

Romans

Israel: Present
Chapter 10:1-17

Design in the Structure

- **1 - 8** **FAITH** **DOCTRINAL**
 - 1-3 Sin: (the most complete diagnosis)
 - 4-5 Salvation
 - 6-8 Sanctification

- **9-11** **HOPE** **DISPENSATIONAL**
 - 9 Israel - Past
 - 10 Israel - Present
 - 11 Israel – Future

“one of the most important trilogies in the Scripture”
Dr Chuck Missler

- **12-16** **LOVE** **PRACTICAL**
 - Encouragement and closing remarks

The Outline of History

- Israel's past, present & future are outlined in Jesus' words in the summary of the nation He gives us in **Matt 23:37-39**
- Chuck Missler describes this as the *purpose*, *tragedy* and *triumph* of all history

Israel Past

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her wings*...

Matthew 23:37

Israel Present

and ye would not!

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Matthew 23:37,38

- This is the underlying theme of Romans 10
- The 'present distress' of Israel

Israel Future

For I say unto you,

Ye shall not see me henceforth,

till ye shall say,

Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the
Lord.

Matthew 23:39

- Jesus left the nation with a promise & hope

Romans Chapter 10

- Having stated the fact of Israel's stumbling in the preceding verses (Ch 9:32-33),
 - Paul now explains the reason for that stumbling.
 - But first, Paul again expresses his deep personal spiritual burden for the salvation of the people of Israel.

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Romans 10:1-2

- Perhaps with his own experience in mind:

Cf. Acts 26:11; Gal 1:13-14; Phil 3:4-6

- Zeal without knowledge is dangerous, *even today*
 - Like many enthusiastic but emotionally (and experience-based) groups today
 - Sincerity is not enough!

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness,
and going about to establish their own
righteousness, have not submitted themselves
unto the righteousness of God. **Romans 10:3**

- On a number of occasions Israel are held accountable for not understanding scripture
 - That should serve as a wake-up call for us today!
- Their own righteousness (highlighted in Rom 2) contrasted with true righteousness by faith (in Rom 1:17)
 - They should have known from their own Scriptures
 - cf. Gen 15:6; Ps 32:1-2

For Christ is the end of the law for
righteousness to every one that believeth.

Romans 10:4

- The word translated “end” (Gr. *telos*) stands in the emphatic first position in the Greek sentence.
 - It means that Christ is the *designed* end, or goal, the Object to which the Law pointed **Gal 3:24**

A Guide

- Review of Galatians 3:17-29

And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Galatians 3:17-18

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

Galatians 3:19-20

Is the law then against the promises of God?
God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Galatians 3:21-23

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

- “schoolmaster” *paidagogos*, a tutor; a guardian and guide of boys
 - Among the Greeks and the Romans the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals of boys belonging to the better class

But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:25-28

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's
seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:29

The Law

- The Law could not of itself provide righteousness before God for individuals; cf.
Rom 3:20; 7:7
- But Christ fulfilled the Law Matt 5:17-18
 - By keeping it perfectly during His sinless life
John 8:46
 - Then gave His life in payment for the penalty of sin and the broken Law Eph 2:15; Col 2:13-14
- The Law then pointed to Him as the Source of the God-provided righteousness it could not supply
Gal 3:24

Salvation by Faith Taught by Moses

- Paul is going to make the case that Salvation by Faith was taught by Moses

For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Romans 10:5

- Quoting, **Leviticus 18:5:**

Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 18:5

Salvation by Faith Taught by Moses

- If a Jew were to receive righteousness by keeping the demands of the Law,
 - That would be human achievement; and not from God.
 - However, a Jew would need to keep the entire Law perfectly all his life - an impossible task **James 2:10**
- Paul quotes Moses to support his righteousness-by-faith position centered in Christ as “the end of the Law” and the means by which righteousness is available for everyone who believes.
 - The quotes in **Romans 10:6-8** are taken from **Deut 30:12-14**

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

Deuteronomy 30:11-12

Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldst say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Deuteronomy 30:13-14

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Romans 10:6-8

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- These quotes from Deuteronomy were part of Moses' charge to the generation of Israel about to enter the land of Canaan.
 - This exhortation was the conclusion of Moses' prophetic description of God's dealing with Israel.
 - Blessing was promised for faith and obedience, and
 - Chastisement would result from rejection and disobedience
- If Israel forsook God, Moses said, she would face worldwide dispersion and affliction.
 - When the people then finally do turn to God in faith, He will restore them to blessing, prosperity, and prominence among the nations

Deut 30:1-10

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- The point of Moses' exhortation is that the generation to whom he was speaking had the message Deut 30:11
 - *But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.*
Deut 30:14
- Since the Israelites in Moses' day had the message,
 - They did not need to ask that it be brought down from heaven or that someone “cross the sea to get it” Deut 30:13

Salvation by Faith Taught by Moses

- In effect, Paul indicated that the same truth applied to his generation,
 - With the added fact that Christ had come in the flesh and had been resurrected.

John 1:11-14

- This “word” of faith he was proclaiming *Rhema*, “the spoken word” as also in Eph 5:26; 6:17; 1 Peter 1:25

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, **and** shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **Romans 10:9-10**

- Note that, to be saved, it is confessing with the mouth that Jesus is Lord and believing in the heart.
- Some may 'glibly' confess, yet not truly believe
- Some may believe yet lack the courage to confess
 - This is more fully explained in Matt 13 – the parable of the four soils

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. **Romans 10:11**

Whosoever

- Paul then supported his position by re quoting part of **Isaiah 28:16 (cf. Rom. 9:33)**, adding the Greek word translated *whosoever*
 - God responds with the gift of provided righteousness to each individual who believes.

Everyone Equal Under Christ

- Faith in Christ eliminates the distinction between Jew and Gentile **vv.12-15**

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. **Romans 10:12**

- There is a distinction later, *after* the present era. **Rev 7 , 14**
 - The “church” does not appear on earth after **Rev. 3**

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the
Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

- This conclusion also is supported by a quotation from **Joel 2:32:**

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Joel 2:32

- To “call on” the Lord means to pray in faith for salvation.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:14

- “Preach,” means “to be a herald, to announce,”
 - It is not limited to proclamation from a pulpit!

And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of
them that preach the gospel of peace, and
bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:15

- Paul quotes from **Isaiah 52:7**
 - Yet, the messenger announced to Judah that God had ended their Exile in Babylon **cf. Isa. 40:9-11**
 - But Paul applied **Isaiah 52:7** to the Jews of his day to whom the gospel was being given.

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For
Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our
report?

Romans 10:16

- “Obeyed” - *hupakouo*, to listen; to hearken to a command; thus, to obey, obedient to, submit to
- Paul is quoting the opening of **Isaiah 53**
- Paul is also giving them a lesson in *prophecy*.
 - Isaiah prophesied Israel’s rejection!
 - Daniel even prophesied the Messiah’s death **Dan 9:26**
- The Jews failure to respond to the good news
 - Was true in Jesus’ days on earth **John 12:37-41**

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by
the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- The Portal of God is the ear
 - “He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says...”
- The Portal of Satan is the eye
 - “Eve saw the fruit...”

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To be continued...