

Romans 10

1/3/10 - The Exchange

- I. Running start
 - A. Whole letter overview
 - B. Rom. 8 ending with thought of not possible to be separated from God's love.
 - C. Must have prompted thoughts of Israel. 9 about God's sovereignty/ plan regarding Israel.
- II. 10:1-13
 - A. 10:1-4
 - i. 10:1
 - a) Another reason why Israel must be something other than the church. The church is not spiritual Israel.
 - b) Heart's desires can be difficult things. Must be surrendered to God.
 2. 10:2 Paul's life BC.
 - a) Say what you will about Muslims, but they have a devotion way more intense than most Christians. "Done out of fear! Empty ritual for many!" I'm still envious. We can be sincere, yet sincerely wrong.
 - b) Too many Christians have this verse reversed. We have the knowledge, but no zeal. Hard reality. Babies and bathwater. HS, prosperity, there is a proper middle.
 3. 10:3 See 1:16-17. Is this you? Have you submitted? Very un-American thinking. Soldiers understand this.
 4. 10:4 end - concluding event, completion, fulfillment. Matt. 5:17. Phar. lived their way to prove they were of Moses. Done.
 - B. 10:5-13
 - i. 10:5-8 It isn't as hard as we make it.
 2. 10:9-13 The salvation equation. But the proof is in the living.
- III. 10:14-21
 - A. 10:14-17
 - i. Paul works backwards, the point being v. 17. Paul is assuming that people have zeal and knowledge, faith in line with works.
 2. Some say you should never have to say anything, that your life should preach. True to a degree. But there should come a point where you will have the opportunity to testify.
 - B. 10:18 By their standards, the word had gone everywhere. Paul certainly did his share of evangelizing the Jews, only to be mostly rejected.
 - C. 10:19 God uses reverse psychology.
 - D. 10:20-21 God wants to be found, wants to be known, wants to be experienced, even by those who are actively rejecting Him. Our God is a persistent God.
- IV. Wrap up
 - A. Sometimes we must "unlearn what we have learned." Yoda. Zeal w/o knowledge, knowledge w/o zeal, time to get back to basics.
 - B. Basics 1 - 10:9-10.
 - C. Basics 2 - Live all of it, and share it with others.