

Romans: Lesson 14

Lesson Text: Romans 10:5-11:36

Assignment: Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times prior to class; if possible, reference multiple translations. Questions are provided below as an additional aid to prepare for class discussion.

Study Guide Questions:

1. What is not required by the righteousness that is by faith? (10:6-7) What does the righteousness that is by faith say? (10:9) With what statements made by Paul earlier in the letter is this consistent and similar?
2. As explained in 10:12, what is one of the primary points of these verses? Can the Israelites be saved without confessing that Jesus is Lord?
3. What is involved in calling upon the name of the Lord? (see Acts 2; see also 2 Tim. 2:15-21, especially 2:19)
4. Did Israel have an opportunity to understand the message and believe? (10:15b-18) Ultimately, why did Israel not believe? (10:21)
5. What proof does Paul use to show that God has not wholly rejected the Israelites? (11:1) Is Paul alone in his standing? (11:2-5)
6. Considering all that Paul has said in 9:30-11:6, who are “the elect” of Israel referenced in 11:7? Who then are “the rest” who were hardened? Was Israel’s hardening complete and final? (11:25)
7. For what specific purpose are the Jews to be made jealous of the Gentiles? (11:13-14)
8. Why were branches broken off from the olive tree? (11:20) Does this condition only apply to the natural branches (Israel)? (11:21) Can a branch that’s been broken off be grafted in again, or a branch that’s been grafted in be broken off? (11:22-24)
9. After understanding all these things, what should be impressed upon the mind of Paul’s readers? (11:33-36)