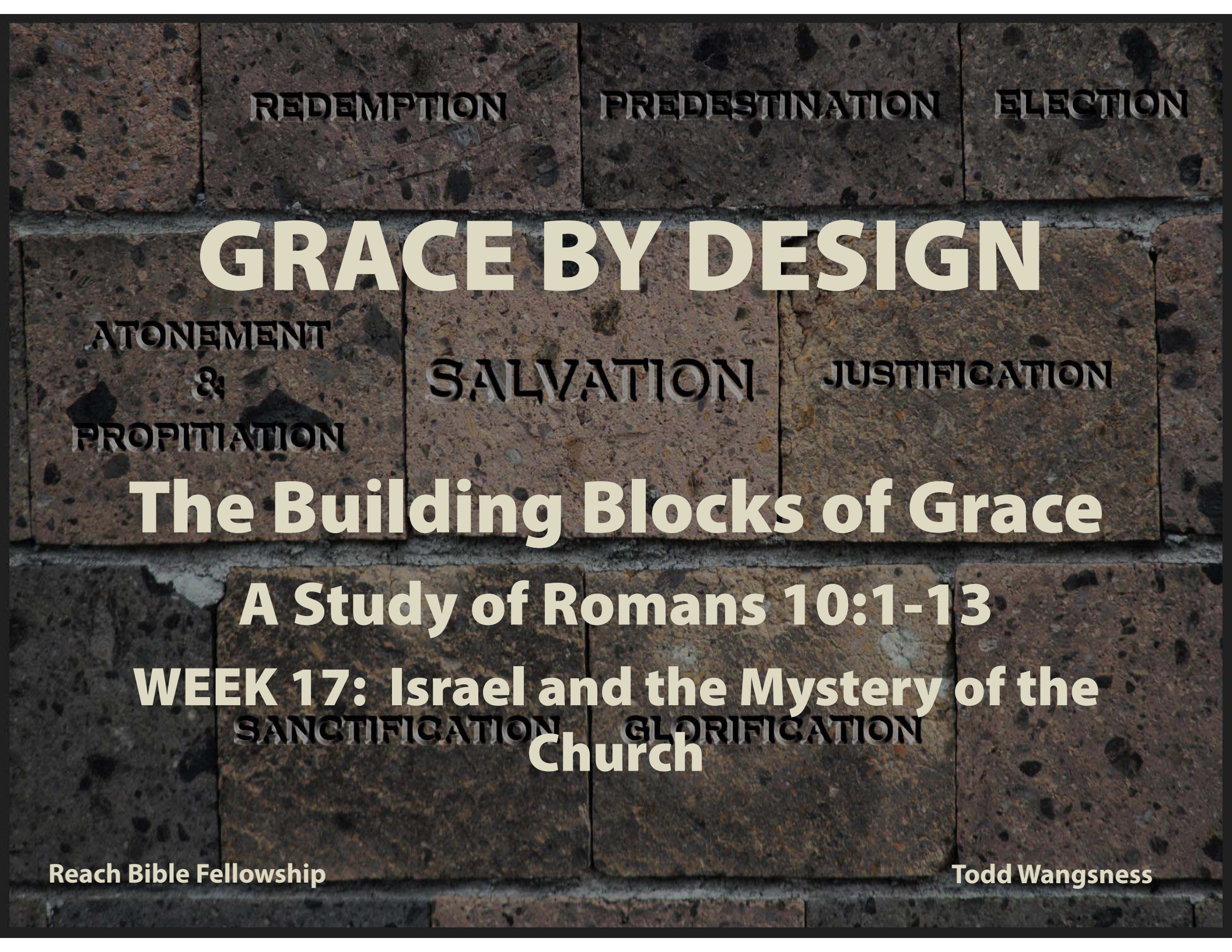


GRACE BY DESIGN

The Building Blocks of Grace

A Study of Romans 10:1-13

WEEK 17: Israel and the Mystery of the Church

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Grace By Design: Study Outline

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Notable quotes on Chapter 10

"Paul shows that true faith is not a dead or dormant thing, but a living principle that engages both the heart and the mouth. The heart believes unto righteousness, for it is by faith that we lay hold of Christ's righteousness, which God imputes to us. The mouth confesses unto salvation, for by openly acknowledging Christ as Lord, we give evidence of our faith and confirm our union with Him. This confession is not a mere formality, but the natural outflow of a heart persuaded of the truth of Christ's resurrection and lordship."

- **John Calvin**

"In Romans 10, Paul is concerned to show that the way of salvation is open to all—Jew and Gentile alike—through faith in Christ. The quotation from Deuteronomy 30 in verses 6–8 is used to show that the word of God is not remote or inaccessible, but near, in the sense that it is proclaimed and heard. The emphasis on 'the word of faith which we preach' (verse 8) underscores the centrality of preaching in God's plan of salvation. The sequence of verses 14–15—how shall they call, believe, hear, or preach unless they are sent?—is a powerful reminder that the gospel must be communicated, and that God has ordained the means of preaching to bring people to faith."

- **F. F. Bruce**

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Overview of Chapter 10

- **Chapter 10 explains the facts stated in Rom 9:30-33, namely, that Israel failed because they sought a righteousness that depended on their own works**
  - ***Rom 9:30-33 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; 31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. 33 As it is written:***

    "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense,

    And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

- **In Chapter 10, Paul reveals Israel's ignorance in three areas:**
  - **Salvation is not of works but of faith: Rom 10:1-11**
  - **Salvation is universal to all who believe: Rom 10:12-13**
  - **The message of salvation must be preached to all: Rom 10:14-21**

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10:1-3 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

- **Paul's prayer is that Israel may be saved, both on a national and an individual level**
- **Likewise, we should share the same burden that he had for the unsaved**
  - **Is that our "heart's desire"?**
- **Sincerity and religiosity alone are not enough to provide salvation**
  - **A knowledge OF God is good, but it does not save us**
  - **Salvation requires a personal experience and relationship with our Savior**
- **The Jews had a '*gnōsis*' knowledge of God, but not an '*epígnōsis*' knowledge**

  gnōsis: **general intelligence, understanding, knowledge of things lawful and unlawful for Christians, moral wisdom**

  ***epígnōsis*:** **precise and correct knowledge, knowledge of things ethical and divine, full discernment and acknowledgement**

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- The Jews sought their own righteousness based upon the Law
  - They did not seek God's righteousness based upon through faith
  - They thought they could attain right-standing with God by through their works by 'keeping the Law'
  - They refused to subject themselves to God's righteousness through faith
  - Their refusal proved their disobedience
- The result of this act of disobedience is a religion that preaches an external form of righteousness
  - The Jewish religious leaders interpreted the law according to their understanding and the Jewish people – as a whole – continue to follow their lead
- The net effect is that they rejected (and continue to reject) Yeshua as their Savior
  - Jesus was different from the Messiah they expected
  - The righteousness Jesus described was so different from their interpretation of the scriptures that He became a 'stone of stumbling' and a 'rock of offense'
  - God's righteousness has ALWAYS been attainable through faith (plus nothing)

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10:4-5 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. 5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

- **Paul starts this passage with the word 'for' to show that he is now providing more details about the Jews failure to submit to God's righteousness**

- ***"Christ is the end of the law"***
  - **"end": Greek '*telos*'**
  - ***Telos* can mean two things:**
    - ***Termination*: Jesus is the 'termination' of the Law. He brought the end to the Law's requirements. This is the primary point Paul is driving home.**
    - ***Goal*: The goal of the Law was the Messiah. The Law was not an end in itself, but it was intended to bring us to the Messiah as we've previously discussed.**
      - **Gal 3:10–25, 4:1–7**
  - **From other passages, it is clear that both of these meanings apply**

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- The death of the Messiah also brought the Law to an end
  - Rom 7:1-6, Heb 7:11-19, 2 Cor 3:1-18
  - Go back and review the notes on Rom 3:21-31 (Weeks 5 and 6) where we delved into this topic in detail (“*The righteousness of God is revealed …*”)
- Summarizing verse 4 … Paul states Israel was ignorant about two things:
  - The Law of Moses was NEVER INTENDED as a means of ‘earning’ salvation
  - With the Messiah’s death, the Law also CEASED to be a rule of life
    - The new rule of life for Believers is the Law of the Messiah!
- Paul quotes Moses:
  - *Lev 18:5, “You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.”*
  - Moses himself saw the impossibility of keeping the Law
- The contrast in verse 5 is not between Law and Faith, but between the righteousness proceeding from the Law vs. the righteousness proceeding from Faith!
- No one can attain righteousness from the Law, because no one is able to keep the Law perfectly.
  - *Jam 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.*

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10:6-7 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

- **Paul quotes Moses again …**
  - *Deu 30:12-13 "It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 13 "Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'*
  - **Moses is stating that God's righteousness was near to the Israelites**
  - **Paul is making the same point for the New Testament believer**
    - **One does not need to initiate the Incarnation, i.e., "bring the Messiah down"**
    - **Nor do we need to bring about the resurrection, i.e., "bring the Messiah up"**
  - **Both of these have already been accomplished**
  - **Ergo, faith-based righteousness is not initiated by human merit … TETELESTAI!**

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10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- **Paul uses yet another quote from Moses in verse 8…**
  - *Deu 30:14 "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it."*
  - **Paul specifies exactly what is in the heart and in the mouth of those who believe: The word of FAITH!**
- **Verses 9 and 10 clearly spell out exactly how one is saved!**
  - **There is one ESSENTIAL ELEMENT to salvation, and that is BELIEF!**
- **Believing and confessing occur at the same time**
  - **Confession is not something the Believer does later as part of gaining salvation**
  - **Belief in the heart brings righteousness and justification**
  - **We confess our belief to God, not man**

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10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

- **Now Paul quotes from Isaiah …**
  - ***Isa 28:16 "Therefore this is what the Lord GOD says: "Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a tested stone, A precious cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. The one who believes in it will not be disturbed." [NASB]***
  - **He is proving that even the Old Testament scriptures support that Salvation is BY FAITH plus nothing!**
  - **Whether you were an OT saint or are a NT saint or a 1st Century Jew, the only path to Salvation is through FAITH in the Messiah!**

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10:12-13 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- **Back in Romans 3, Paul declared whether Jew or a Gentile, ALL have sinned!**
  - *Rom 3:22-23 "… For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*
- **However, the Lord of the Jews is ALSO the Lord of the Gentiles! And WHOEVER calls on His Name will be saved!**
  - *Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls."*
  - **In Joel, the context was about Israel's national salvation, but Paul uses this verse to prove the universality of salvation; that it applies to ALL people!**
- **Israel's ignorance of the universal nature of salvation caused her to wrongly conclude that God intended to save only the Jews and not the Gentiles, unless they became proselytes and 'kept the Law'**
- **Salvation was NEVER on the basis of the Law, but on the basis of grace through faith**

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Questions to ponder:

- **There are many unrealized promises and prophecies in the Old Testament regarding the nation of Israel.**
  - **Can you name a few? (Gen15:7-21, Gen 17:8, Isa 11:11-12, Jer 23:3-8, Eze 36:24-28, Eze 37:1-14, Zec 8:7-8, Zec 12:10, Amo 9:14-15)**
  - **Has the Church become the recipients of these promises/prophesies instead of the Jews due to their collective betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus?**
  - **This "doctrine" is known (and taught in many churches) as "Replacement Theology" or "Supersessionism"**
- **What are the reasons or causes of anti-semitism throughout history?**
  - **Are we seeing a resurgence in anti-semitism in recent years?**
- **Can you think of any scriptures in the Old Testament that discuss the inevitability of the New Testament Church? (No direct references. Jer 31:31-34, Eze 36:26-28, Dan 7:13-14)**
- **Can you think of any scriptures in the Old Testament that describe if/how Gentiles would receive salvation? (Gen 12:3, Psa 22:27-28, Psa 67:1-2, Psa 86:9, Psa 117:1-2, Isa 2:2-4, Isa 11:10, Isa 42:1-7, Isa 49:6, Isa 56:3-7, Mic 4:1-2, Zec 2:11)**
- **Were the disciples amazed when they learned of God's plan to extend salvation to Gentiles? (Act 10:34-35, 44-45; Act 11:1-3, 15-18; Act 13:46-48)**