

Israel's Failure, Part 6

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 10:2.

B. Israel did not believe willingly because of love sin. (John 3, Isaiah 30:9, Proverbs 1:29, Matthew 11, John 7:7)

C. Sinful people do not want to be confronted about their sinfulness. (Romans 1:32, 2 Thessalonians 2:12, 1 Peter 2:8)

D. Ignorance manifested itself in various ways.

E. Israel was ignorant of the proportions of salvation—its extent.

II. The Jews had difficulty accepting a salvation that also included Gentiles.

III. The Jews thought it was service to throw Gentiles out. (John 16:2)

IV. Paul taught that there is no longer any difference between Jews and Gentiles before God. (Galatians 3:26, Ephesians 3:6, Romans 10:12)

A. The Jews were looking for a national deliverer not a personal savior.

B. Jesus is Lord over all.

C. He is rich over all man needs and asks for.

D. Calling upon the name of God is the same as calling upon Jesus. (Joel 2:32, Isaiah 28:16)

V. Only those who call upon Jesus can be saved, but they must hear by preachers who are sent by God.

A. One does not get saved by a mystical experience or meditating.

B. One must call upon Jesus to be saved.

C. A clear message precedes saving faith.

VI. God's salvation will go to the ends of the earth.

Application Questions:

1. What people groups does the church have trouble accepting that salvation extends to today?

2. How would you respond to the famous quote, “preach the gospel, and if necessary use words” in light of the message?

3. How might our false expectations of the Messiah get in the way of our preaching? Explain.
