

No Distinction

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Romans 10:12 (ESV)

For there is “**no distinction**” between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

As I mentioned last week, after Chapter 8, there is an abrupt change in focus. Romans Chapters 1- 8 gives us the full Theology for our Christian faith. Now in Romans Chapters 9, 10, and 11, the Jew and Gentile question needs to be addressed. We need to understand the situation at the time the book of Romans was written to grasp the meaning of these chapters. **First of all, when Romans was written there were more Jews than Christians. Plus, a large number of the Christians came from the Jewish faith. Therefore, a monumental question existed, “How could Jews be excluded from Salvation and the Gentiles be included in Salvation.” Thus, Romans Chapters 9, 10, and 11 was written. Paul very clearly states the situation in Chapter 10.**

Romans 10:1–3 (ESV)

Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for (Jews) is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that (Jews) have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.

These four verses are incredibly informative! Here we see the issue hindering the Religious Jews which caused them to reject Christ.

Also, we see why false religions in general exist and why people around the world believe in them.

#1 The religious have a “Zeal for God”! How many times do you hear this about the religious?

#2 However, their Zeal for God is “not according to knowledge!” Brothers and sisters, “Zeal” will not save you. Your “Zeal” must be based on “correct knowledge.”

#3 Because they do not have correct knowledge, they are “ignorant of the Righteousness or Way of God”. Therefore, they establish “their own” Righteousness or Way.

#4 Establishing their own way, out of pride, and self effort, they never submit to God’s way!

#5 The Jews declare they have the OT, the Law, the very Words of God! They honor the Scriptures, but they missed Jesus.

Romans 10:4 (ESV)

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Jews and Christians, Christ is the end of the law! Remember this verse; Romans 10:4! An old-time way to end radio communications, one would say, “Ten-Four; Over and Out!” Jesus is the end of the Law, “Romans Ten-Four; Over and Out!”

Christians are not saved by what they do, but because of in whom they believe according to knowledge.

Romans 10:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

We are not under the Law. We are saved, because we confess with our mouth and believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. We are saved and justified, because we believe with our heart and confess with our mouth. Jews and Gentiles are saved not through the Law but through belief in Jesus in which the Scripture speak.

There is only “one way” for the whole world.

Romans 10:11 (ESV)

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

For the whole world, there is “no distinction” in Christ!

Romans 10:12 (ESV)

For there is “no distinction” between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

In the OT Israel was the called-out people of God. In the NT the Church, believers, including Jews are the called our people of God. Romans Chapters 9, 10, and 11, is saying that believing Jew and believing Gentile alike form the true ‘Israel of God’, the instrument for God’s purpose!

A true Jew is a child of God through the new birth by grace according to God's Spirit.

Romans 2:29 (ESV)

But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.

Jews, Gentiles, the whole world, there is "No Distinction"!

Romans 10:13 (ESV)

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Bottom line, who is saved? Everyone who calls on the Name of Jesus! There is "No Distinction"! It is never religion. It is Jesus!

Acts 16:31 (ESV)

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."