

Romans 10:18-11:7 • God's People Are Not Rejected

What must take place for someone to call upon the Lord and be saved:

- 1 a preacher must be sent;
- 2 the sent preacher must preach the good news;
- 3 the preached good news must be heard;
- 4 the heard good news must be believed;
- 5 the belief must be the kind that calls on God for salvation.

Q1: Has Ethnic Israel heard?

Q2: Did they understand what they heard?

Q3: Has God rejected His people?

A: No, God has not rejected His people.

Q4: Who are His people?

Q:5: Are you one of His people?

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of **my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.**

Romans 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For **not all who are descended from Israel** (Ethnic Israel) **belong to Israel (Spiritual Israel),**

Romans 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them (Ethnic Israel) is that they may be saved.

Romans 10:2 For I bear them witness that they (Ethnic Israel) have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

Romans 10:3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they (Ethnic Israel) did not submit to God's righteousness.

Romans 10:12 For there is **no distinction between Jew (Ethnic Israel) and Greek**; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on **all who call on him.**

Romans 10:13 For **“everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Romans 10:16 But they (Ethnic Israel) have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, **who has believed what he has heard** from us?”

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed what he has **heard** from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been **revealed**?

Isaiah 53:5 But he was **pierced for our transgressions**; he was **crushed for our iniquities**; upon him was the **chastisement that brought us peace**, and with **his wounds we are healed**.

Romans 10:17 So **faith comes from hearing**, and **hearing through the word of Christ**.

Romans 10:18 But I ask, **have they (Ethnic Israel) not heard**? Indeed they (Ethnic Israel) have, for “**Their voice** has gone out **to all the earth**, and **their words** to the ends of the world.”

Whose voice has gone out so that Israel heard?

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Psalms 19:2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Psalms 19:3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Psalms 19:4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Romans 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been **clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse**.

Romans 9:4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

Romans 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

General revelation + Special revelation = no excuse

Romans 10:19 But I ask, did **Israel (Ethnic Israel) not understand**? First Moses says, “I will make you (Ethnic Israel) **jealous** of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you **angry**.”

Some degree of understanding is required to be jealous and angry.

Deuteronomy 31:16 And the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then **this people** will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will **forsake me** and **break my covenant that I have made with them**.

Deuteronomy 31:17 Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and **I will forsake them** and **hide my face from them**, and **they will be devoured**. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, **‘Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?’**

Deuteronomy 31:19 “Now therefore **write this song** and **teach it to the people of Israel**. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:30 Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel:

Deuteronomy 32:1-21:

“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!

“The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. They have dealt corruptly with him; they are no longer his children because they are blemished; they are a crooked and twisted generation. Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you? Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you. When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. But the Lord’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.

“He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, the Lord alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.

He made him ride on the high places of the land, and he ate the produce of the field, and he suckled him with honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock. Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the very finest of the wheat— and you drank foaming wine made from the blood of the grape. “But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, stout, and sleek; then he forsook God who made him and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation. They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations they provoked him to anger. They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded. You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you, and you forgot the God who gave you birth.

“The Lord saw it and spurned them, because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters. And he said, ‘I will hide my face from them; I will see what their end will be, for they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faithfulness. They have made me jealous with what is no god; they have provoked me to anger with their idols. **So I will make them jealous with those who are no people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.**

Romans 10:20 Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, **“I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”**

Romans 10:21 But of Israel (Ethnic Israel) he says, **“All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”**

Isaiah 65:1-8: I was ready to be **sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,”** to a nation that was not called by my name.

I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, **“Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”** These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before me: **“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;** I will indeed repay into their lap both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.”

Thus says the Lord: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ **so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all.**

Romans 11:1 I ask, then, **has God rejected his people ?** By no means! For **I myself am an Israelite**, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

Romans 11:2 God has not rejected his people (Ethnic Israel) **whom he foreknew.** Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel (Ethnic Israel)?

Romans 11:3 “Lord, they (Ethnic Israel) have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.”

Romans 11:4 But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

1Kings 19:10 He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

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1Kings 19:18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Romans 11:5 So too at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace (Spiritual Israel).

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, **it is no longer on the basis of works**; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

A: No, God has not rejected His people.

Q4: Who are His people?

Q:5: Are you one of His people?

God's people are those who submit to God's righteousness found in Jesus Christ finished work and abandon any hope in their own works.

When you do that you become a child of God and part of True Israel.