

Devotional Questions – Romans 10:1-21

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Devotional Questions – Romans 10:1-21, Answers to Questions

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Romans* pp 383-419 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1174, 1500-1501, 1609 for detailed comment.

1. *What was Paul's prayer in behalf of the nation of Israel (Romans 10:1)?*

Paul's prayer is for the salvation of Israel. Paul's prayer will be answered at the Second Advent. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Romans 9 Part 1, Question 1* and these scriptures that confirm God's answer.

"And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD" Isaiah 59:20.

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" Isaiah 66:8.

"For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day" Zechariah 3:9.

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" Zechariah 12:10.

Paul is in effect asking God to do what He has said He would do. This is germane to effective prayer, now as then as Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel show.

"For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Isaiah 14:27.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" Isaiah 55:11.

"Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it" Jeremiah 1:12.

"For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD" Ezekiel 12:25.

2. What was good about the Jews? What was wrong with them (Romans 10:2)?

- a. They were eager to serve and to please God.
- b. Like Paul they **“did it ignorantly in unbelief”** 1 Timothy 1:13.

Today’s believer must remember that God is served and pleased on His terms, no-one else’s.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” Ephesians 2:10.

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity...If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” 2 Timothy 2:19, 21.

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works” Titus 2:11-14.

3. Why was Israel not submitting to the righteousness of God (Romans 10:3)?

Israel thought that she was more righteous than God. Every unsaved sinner headed for hell thinks the same and his answer to Elihu’s question is yes.

“Elihu spake moreover, and said, Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God’s?” Job 35:2. Unsaved sinners do think that and the end result is dire, as the onlookers will see for themselves.

“And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh” Isaiah 66:8.

4. What should we confess? What should we believe (Romans 10:9-10)?

- a. **“with thy mouth the Lord Jesus...unto salvation”**
- b. **“in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead...unto righteousness”**

Righteousness i.e. salvation in the church age results *only* from *heart belief* that God raised the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead because He *alone* is righteousness of Whom Peter and Paul said **“Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it”** Acts 2:24 **“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”** Romans 1:4.

“Confession...unto salvation” is thereby embodied in the individual’s declaration *from the heart* that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God thereby risen from death that could not *legitimately* hold Him because He is **“Jesus Christ the righteous...the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world”** 1 John 2:1-2. See inserted study **Propitiation**.

In turn **“righteousness delivereth from death”** Proverbs 10:2, 11:4 *only* the individual who *willingly* receives **“...the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”** Ephesians 2:8-9 namely **“the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”** 2 Peter 1:1 **“Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us”** 2 Corinthians 1:10.

The Ethiopian's "confession...unto salvation" embodies *all* of the above, so the apostates cut it out. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php AV1611 vs NIV & Salvation vs Damnation (Abridged Version) pp 11-13.

"And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" Acts 8:37.

5. What 3 promises are made to those who call upon the Lord (Romans 10:11-13)?

These are un-ashamedness, enrichment and "an everlasting salvation" that God has promised to Israel – see *Question 1* - but likewise apply to today's believer "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" 2 Corinthians 1:20.

"The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it" Proverbs 10:22.

"But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end" Isaiah 45:17.

Today's believer should therefore follow Paul's admonition and example because the Lord Jesus Christ is unashamed towards His brethren for that reason.

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God" 2 Timothy 1:8.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" 2 Timothy 1:12.

"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren" Hebrews 2:11.

6. What would the opposite of Romans 10:13 be?

See *Question 3* and Isaiah 66:8 **"And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh."**

7. Who is Joel referring to (Joel 2:32), and who does Paul apply it to? What is the implication he is making (Romans 10:13)?

Joel is referring prophetically to a believing remnant looking for the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Advent when "unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" Hebrews 9:28. Paul is making *spiritual* application now for any individual seeking salvation as the Ethiopian did, *Question 4*, for which there is no implication but rather *declaration* as Peter states - for anyone seeking salvation now - of the Lord Jesus Christ "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious... Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" 1 Peter 2:4, 24.

8. Did the Jews have opportunity to call upon the Lord (Romans 10:18)?

They did repeatedly as Romans 10:21 states **"But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people"** and as the apostles testified. **"Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles"** Acts 13:46.

Note therefore Paul's admonition with respect to dishonest sceptics e.g. King James Bible critics.

"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself" Titus 3:10-11.

9. *How did God say He was going to make His people jealous (Romans 10:19-20)?*

This would be by:

- ***“them that are no people”*** Romans 10:19 instead of ***“the people of God”*** Hebrews 11:25
- ***“a foolish nation”*** Romans 10:19 instead of ***“an holy nation”*** Exodus 19:6
- ***“them that sought me not...that asked not after me”*** Romans 10:20 instead of ***“Israel...his peculiar treasure”*** Psalm 135:4.

Peter has shown how today’s believer has benefitted from that which Israel forfeited.

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy” 1 Peter 2:9-10.

10. *How would you summarise the way of salvation according to men and the way of salvation according to God?*

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“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life” Titus 3:5-7.

11. *How does Psalm 19:4 (compare Colossians 1:17, Hebrews 1:3) further Paul’s argument that God has spoken in all the earth (Romans 10:18)?*

As the apostles said ***“Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is”*** Acts 4:24 with Colossians 1:17, Hebrews 1:3, and therefore ***“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork...Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world”*** Psalm 19:1, 4.

By inspection, Romans 10:18 is almost an exact citation of Psalm 19:4 and is further testimony to what Paul has said earlier about creation’s witness to men of its Creator and further condemnation of man’s rebelliousness against *his* Creator.

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse; Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened” Romans 1:20-21.

Today’s believer should of course keep in mind the fragility of his own created self, which in turn should shape his perceptions day to day, as James states.

“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that” James 4:14-15.

12. From this chapter what things should be seen in the life of a Christian?

- **“the prayer of faith”** James 5:15 as Paul prayed for his countrymen. **“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved”** Romans 10:1.
- **“the word of faith, which we preach”** Romans 10:8 as Paul exhorted Timothy. **“Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus”** 2 Timothy 1:13.
- **“the work of faith”** though it be **“the foolishness of preaching”** 1 Corinthians 1:21 for **“how shall they hear without a preacher?”** Romans 10:14. **“Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ”** 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12.

Propitiation

Based on *Reply to DiVietro's Attack on Gail Riplinger – Flotsam Flush* pp 108-109
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“Propitiation” from the Scriptures

Concerning the word propitiate, or the related Biblical term ***“propitiation”*** Romans 3:25, 1 John 2:2, 4:10, again ‘the Greek’ isn’t necessary to determine the meaning of the word.

Following Dr Mrs Riplinger’s approach¹, the word ***“propitiation”*** is understood from scripture as follows.

Romans 3:24-25 ***“Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”***

1 John 2:1-2 ***“Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”***

1 John 4:10 ***“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”***

Propitiation is a Person

“Propitiation,” like salvation, Luke 2:30, 19:9, is above all a Person², ***“Jesus Christ the righteous.”*** God is a personal God, not simply a theological or doctrinal God.

Dr DiVietro gives no indication of any lexicon that reveals this basic meaning of the word ***“propitiation.”***

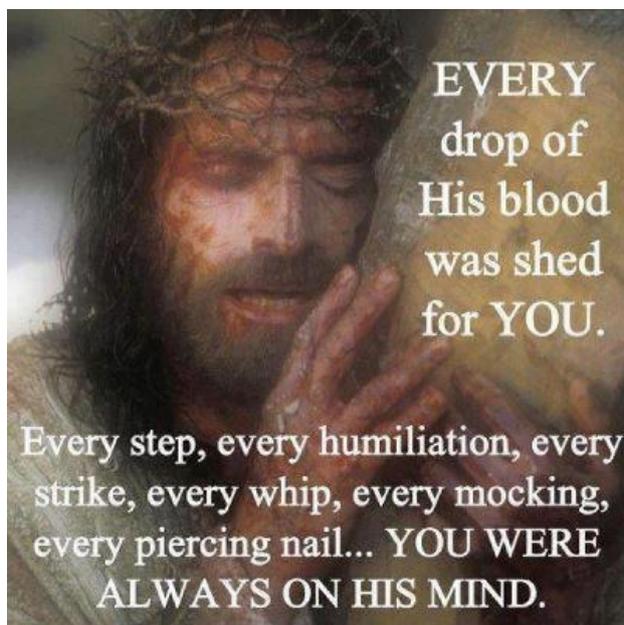
The scripture, however, gives further insight into this meaning.

1 John 4:14 states ***“And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”***

In sum, ***“The Saviour”*** and ***“the propitiation”*** are one and the same. He is ***“Jesus Christ the righteous”*** or ***“Jehovah is salvation”***³ Matthew 1:21, Who is ***“the Messiah the Prince”*** Daniel 9:25 and ***“the Holy One”*** 1 John 2:20, anointed of the Holy Ghost Luke 3:22, 4:18.

The word ***“propitiation”*** may be understood in more detail by a study of what the Lord Jesus Christ did as ***“the Saviour of the world.”***

As such, He is ***“the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”*** John 1:29.



“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” Isaiah 53:5
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Propitiation is “Christ our Passover”

Therefore, as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 5:7 **“For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.”**

Ephesians 5:2, Hebrews 7:26-27, 9:26, 1 Peter 1:18-19 are all important in the context of **“Christ our Passover,”** along with Genesis 8:21.

“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.”

“For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people’s: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.”

“For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” 1 Peter 1:18-19.

“And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake; for the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.””

Propitiation is “the Saviour” and “savour”

The voluntary, sinless sacrifice **“which taketh away the sin of the world”** of the Lord Jesus Christ **Himself “to God”** as **“a sweetsmelling savour”** turned away God’s wrath as Noah’s sacrifice did after the flood, for anyone who believes that the Lord Jesus Christ is both **“the Saviour”** and **“savour”** for him personally, John 3:36.

This is **“propitiation.”**

Drs Waite and DiVietro may dismiss the above as an example of having to **“chase all over the King James Bible to find the definitions of its words”**⁴ but **“he that seeketh findeth”** Matthew 7:7 and **“unto you that hear shall more be given”** Mark 4:24.

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- Redemption = Jesus Christ **PAID THE PRICE** for all sins 
- Propitiation = Jesus Christ **SATISFIED** the justice of God the Father 
- Reconciliation = God’s **PEACE TREATY** with the entire human race 

Propitiation – Christ’s Appeasement of God’s Justifiable Wrath

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