



## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN

ROMANS 10:1-21 \* JUNE 11, 2023

### TWO OPPOSING VIEWS OF SALVATION?

- Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ the work of God — He has \_\_\_\_\_ some and hardened others.
- Each person is responsible to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's offer of grace and is \_\_\_\_\_ for refusing it.

Both positions are demonstrably true despite the \_\_\_\_\_ contradiction and do not need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

### CHURCHES LOSING THEIR WAY: A WARNING

ROMANS 10:1-5

- ❶ \_\_\_\_\_: They don't know the Scriptures and don't have a basic belief \_\_\_\_\_ in place.
- ❷ Stubborn \_\_\_\_\_: They serve their own traditions rather than advancing God's kingdom in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

### A DEFENSE OF MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

- ❶ The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ and uncomplicated; those who hear it are \_\_\_\_\_. (10:6-10)
- ❷ The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ (it is offered to all); no one is \_\_\_\_\_ from His invitation. (10:11-15)
- ❸ The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ and bold; mankind is without \_\_\_\_\_. (10:16-19)
- ❹ God is faithful and \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ of responsibility remains. (10:20-21)

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Have you seen people (perhaps yourself!) who were not seeking righteousness, and yet God worked to bring that person to faith?
2. Read Romans 10:1-5. Do you believe that your church has the possibility of "losing its way" (see the second section of the sermon notes)? Hint: If you answer "No" you may be missing the point.
3. Do you ever find yourself making excuses for "good people" who have rejected the Gospel message? How do Paul's words about his own people challenge this thinking?
4. Read Romans 10:6-13. Have you realized that faith in Christ means the end of any reliance on law-keeping for your security? What difference does this make to you?
5. In an earlier part of Paul's letter (Romans 3:22) the words "there is no difference" had a grim sound, because they convicted Jew and Gentile together of sin against God. How do these same words now have a joyful sound (verses 11-13)?
6. Read Romans 10:14-21. What does this section reveal about the reasons for Israel's unbelief?
7. Do you count it a privilege to be a part of the way that God saves people? How does that motivate you to "preach"?