INSIDEout Series Part Three Week 2 5.16.21 Romans 10

The Promise of God (part 2)

OUT OF THE PAST and INTO THE PRESENT

- **I. Intro** (vs 1-4)
- A. Heart's Desire (vs 1)
 - -"I long and pray to God that Israel may be saved"
- B. Misplaced Zeal (vs 2)
 - -their "zeal that's not based on knowledge"
 - -sincerity alone isn't enough, we just end up being sincerely mistaken
- C. The Law's Culmination
 - -Telos: the goal, completion, culmination, finale!

THE GOSPEL IS CENTRAL TO OUR LIVES AND ESSENTIAL TO OUR FAITH

- II. The Centrality of the Gospel
- A. Gospel Realization (vs 5-13)
 - -The need for an understanding of the Gospel
 - 1. The Gospel is Profound, but is not Complicated (v5-8)
 - -Unlike the Law, Christ is not unattainable, but readily accessible
 - -we don't have to ascend into heaven, or descend into the deep to find salvation-
 - -Deut 30:11-14
 - -"but what does it say" (vs 8)
 - -"the word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"
 - -"the word of faith" (the message requiring a response of faith) is the Gospel
 - 2. The Gospel is Purposeful but also Personal (9-10)
 - a. Profess (declare) with your mouth
 - ...that Jesus is Lord -the earliest and simplest of creeds
 - b. And Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead
 - c. You will be saved.
 - -Inward belief and outward confession belong together in the world of faith.
 - 3. The Gospel is Equally Accessible and Completely Assurable (vs 11-13)
 - a. There is Full and Equal Access to "anyone who believes in him"
 - b. There is Full and Complete Assurance:
 - vs 11 -we trust in Him and will never be put to shame
 - vs 12- we call on Him and He will richly bless us
 - vs 13- we call on the name of Jesus and we will be saved
 - -in accordance with who He is and what He's done

B. Gospel Proclamation (vs 14-15)

- -the need for the proclamation of the Gospel in life
- 1. How can they call if they do not believe?
- 2. How can they believe if they have't heard?
- 3. How can they hear without someone preaching?

-KERYSSO: to herald (announce) a message publicly and with conviction

THERE CAN BE NO HEARERS UNLESS THERE ARE HERALDS

C. Gospel Incarnation (vs 15-17)

- -the call to a Response of Faith with the Gospel
- 1. How can anyone preach unless they are sent?
 - -apostéllō: properly, send away, i.e. commission;
 - -"sent on a defined mission by a superior."
- 2. Jesus sends, heralds preach, people hear, hearers believe, believers call, and those who call are saved.
- 3. What news are we bringing and how beautiful are our feet?

THE GOSPEL IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR FAITH AND OUR SENT-NESS IS CENTRAL TO JESUS' CALL

III. A Response of Faith and the Heart of God (vs 16-21)

A. Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is all about Jesus (16-17)

-Faith comes by (is awakened by) hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ:

JESUS IS THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE OF THE MESSAGE AND THE SOLE CONTENT OF THE GOSPEL

B. God's pursuit of grace is to all and his initiative of mercy is profound (vs 18-21)

- 1. His pursuit extends to the whole world
- 2. His mercy is profound to the end

GOD DOES NOT SIMPLY ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE FOUND.

HE ACTIVELY HOLDS OUT HIS HAND;

AS A PARENT INVITES THEIR CHILD TO COME HOME

TO THE WARMTH OF AN EMBRACE

AND THE PROMISE OF A WELCOME.

HE HAS NOT STOPPED.

HE DOES NOT STOP.

HE WILL NOT STOP.