**CONFESSING THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS- CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD**

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THE WORD, "FAITH"

We want to see who it is that confesses the Lord Jesus,
calling on the name of the Lord.

Well, before we look in the Scripture, let me just say that
Paul writes of to a variety of people, when he writes the Roman epistle.
And as he goes through the epistle,
he specifies which type of person he is, then, focusing his comments on.
But in Romans 1, verse 7, Paul addresses the entire epistle
“TO ALL that be in Rome.”
So that's quite a wide variety of people.

He tells people of their need of salvation, then he tells of God's provision for it.
He tells people they need to live a godly life, then he tells God's provision for it.
And then, Paul gets to Romans chapters, nine, ten, and eleven,
and he tells them what happened to Israel,
and, why God is not working through Israel anymore.

Lets start by getting the whole picture.
We will read Romans 9, verse 30, through Romans 10, verse 17.

Romans 9:30 through Romans 10:17
30. ¶What shall we say then?
That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness,
have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness,
hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 Wherefore? Because they sought it NOT BY FAITH,

Do you see that, “they sought it NOT BY FAITH” (F A I T H !!!!!)

but as it were by
the works of the law.
For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

33 As it is written,
Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence:
and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 10:1 ¶Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is,
that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God,
but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness,
and going about to establish their own righteousness,
have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of
the law for righteousness
to every one that believeth.

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,
That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise,

SAY NOT

Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven?
(that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep?
(that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

BUT WHAT SAITH IT?

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee,
even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:
that is, the word of FAITH,
which we preach;

Remember Romans 9:31-32

(“But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness,
hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
Wherefore?
Because they sought it not by faith,
but as it were by the works of the law.
For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;”)

That fits right in with
Rom.10:6. “But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise,

See in Romans 10:9-10 what FAITH it was that Israel lacked, and needed.

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,
and shalt BELIEVE in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead,
thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith,
Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 ¶For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek:
for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?
and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!

16 But THEY HAVE NOT ALL OBEYED THE GOSPEL.
For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then FAITH cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

So we are going to look in the middle of that section of nine, ten, and eleven.
We are going to look in Romans ten, verses five, and eight, through 13.
We are starting with verse five.

Romans 10:5, 8-13
5. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,
That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

8. "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee,
even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:"
(What word?) "that is, the word of FAITH," (faith) "which we preach."

Alright, faith is not the gospel.
When he is talking there, about "the word of faith,"
he is NOT saying, "the word of the gospel," and
he is NOT, talking about "the gospel of faith.",
but it's the word “FAITH.”

WHO LACKED FAITH?

Just as Jesus Christ had done while on Earth,
Paul identified Israel's shortcoming, as not having FAITH.
In spite of their keeping the law,
They didn't have the faith that God wanted from them.
God wanted their faith first, and the works to be a result of the faith.
Look in John chapter five, verses forty three, through forty seven
where Jesus is speaking..

John 5:43-47
43. "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not:
if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another,
and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

45. Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father:
there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me:
for he wrote of me.

47. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"

So, early on, in Christ's ministry, He identifies Israel’s lack of faith,
aims at that, and encourages people to believe,
and a few do.

Look a little later, in Matthew
chapter twenty three, verses twenty three, through twenty eight.

Matthew 23:23-28
23. “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin,
and have omitted the weightier matters of the law,
judgment, mercy, and faith:" (.there you have it, FAITH.)
"these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

(.in other words, don't try to trade them off.
It is all part of the same Law that they had agreed to.)

24. "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

25. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter,
but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26. Thou blind Pharisee,
cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter,
that the outside of them may be clean also.

27. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
for ye are like unto whited sepulchres,
which indeed appear beautiful outward,
but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men,
but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.”

Remember that iniquity is religious idolatry. It is its going away from God.
It is not so much the idea of lying, or lust, or, things like that.
It is religiously going against what God says.
It is idolatry, basically.
We can see WHAT ISRAEL LACKED. It was the word of FAITH.

Let's continue on,
starting over in that passage again, in Romans chapter ten, verse eight again.

Romans 10:8
8. “But what saith it?
The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:
that is, the word of FAITH, which we preach;

9. That if thou shalt

(.Israel is the, "thou", being spoken of there?
Paul is telling which good news that Israel failed to believe)

confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,
AND shalt believe in thine heart
that God hath raised him from the dead,
thou shalt be saved.

10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

That is the specific “FAITH” and “WORK of faith” that Israel LACKED, NEEDED.

Romans 10:11-14
11. “For the scripture saith,"

(Paul is quoting Old Testament scripture which is to Israel)

"Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

(in other words, God won't disappoint Israelites who trust in Him)

12. ¶"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek:
for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

That is not Paul, preaching salvation to Israel.
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hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith,
but as it were by the works of the law.
For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

So, “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”
is not Paul, preaching salvation to Israel, or to anyone in these verses.
That is Paul informing “All that be in Rome”, about,
(1) Salvation (Rom.1:1-5:11)
(2) Godly Living (Rom.5:12-8:39)
And specifically, here,
(3) What happened to Israel (Rom.9:1-11:36)
In showing to “all that be in Rome”, what happened to Israel,
Paul quotes JOEL, who was preaching to Israel
to FINALLY HAVE FAITH TO, CALL on the NAME of the Lord.
Here you can see it:
(“Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call”).

14. How then shall they (again, ISRAEL)
call on him in whom they have not believed?
and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

Whoever shall CALL on the NAME of the Lord shall be saved, but,
According to Joel 2:28-32, that applies to the last days.

So, Israel shall not able to call, if they have not believed in him, and
they can not believe in something, they have not heard to believe in.
Without a preacher, how shall they hear,
how shall they preach, except they be sent.
So, it does limit, who can call on the name of the Lord,
to those who have been preached the gospel to.

Depending on which gospel they hear,
they believe, and are part of that, group of believers,
whether its the ones that are waiting to be saved when Christ returns,
those under Israel's program, hearing the gospel of the circumcision.

OR

those who are saved now, at the time of that they believe,
having believed the gospel of salvation, that Paul preaches.

NOT OUR GOSPEL

So, notice that the passage says nothing about, "Christ died for our sins"
or that Christ was raised for our justification.
So we are not talking about the "gospel of Christ"
which is the "gospel of OUR salvation."

Let's look through Scripture, to find a gospel that matches the conditions.
We are trying to match those certain qualifications there
in Romans chapter ten, verses nine, and ten,
firstly, confessing with their mouth, which is a physical act,
and secondly, believing in their heart
THAT God resurrected Jesus Christ

Looking in Romans chapter one, verses one, through four,
THERE IS A MATCH.

Romans 1:1-4
1. ¶"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle,
separated unto the gospel of God,

2. (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures)"

(So, this is information from the Old Testament,
that is being talked about here,
the 'gospel of God'.
It was NOT that which was KEPT SECRET.)

3. "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4. And declared to be the Son of God with power,
according to the spirit of holiness,
by the resurrection from the dead:"

So, the gospel of God consists of
believing that Jesus is declared to be
THE RESURRECTED, PROPHESIED CHRIST.
And, you don't see any promise in there about salvation, or being saved.

So, comparing Romans ten, verses nine and ten,
With Romans one, verses one though four,
"to confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus," in Romans ten
compares to "declared to be the son of God”, from Romans one, gospel of God,

And remembering that Lord, is a title of God,
we find that confessing Him to be the Lord Jesus,
is the same as declaring Him to be the Son of God

Next, believing "that God hath raised him from the dead" in Romans ten,
Compares equally with:
by the resurrection from the dead." He was declared with power,
to be the Son of God... in Roman one, the gospel of God.

So, the Romans one, verses one through four, “gospel of God”
Is the same good news that in Romans ten, verses nine and ten,
Paul says is what Israel failed to believe,
Even though it was “nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart,
that is, the word of faith….”

Of course, the wording is different,
but the same elements are present in each passage.
Paul does not say in Romans chapter one, verses one, through four,
that the gospel of God saves anyone.

Of course PAUL PREACHED FAITH,
but Paul did not preach faith, as part of a faith plus works gospel
that Israel had always been given.

Faith requires an object
All faith requires something in which to have faith.

But Israel had been given “covenants of promise”, and a Way to be saved,
Not to heaven, but to “THE LAND,” on earth in God’s kingdom from heaven.

Genesis 12:7
And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said,
Unto thy seed will I give this land:
and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Belief was needed in Israel’s part of the covenants of promise.
Works were needed in Israel’s part of the covenants of promise.

HEBREWS 11:4 says that It was
by faith that Abel offered an acceptable, righteous sacrifice.

Hebrews 11:7 says that it was
by faith that Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house.

Hebrews 11:8 says that it was
by faith that Abraham, obeyed and left Ur when he was
called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance

Up to the time of Abraham, the Bible hasn’t mentioned faith, trust, or belief.
But it is what God wanted.

It would be as if, for some reason, I wanted you to touch some bowling pins,
So I tell you that I will give you a hundred dollars
to place these bowling pins in a straight line.
What I want is for you TO TOUCH the bowling pins,
But I never told you to touch the bowling pins.
But you did what I wanted,
and you wanted to do it.
And you received the reward.

Likewise, God wanted mankind to trust Him.
But in God’s wisdom, He did NOT order us to believe Him.
But rather, God gave mankind certain assignments to fulfill.
And in so doing, mankind exercised faith in God in order to obey Him.

But, with mankind’s love of taking shortcuts,
and having our own way,
eventually, people began to do the assignments (THE LAW)
without believing or caring about God, or what He said.

So, God sent Paul not only with His new gospel for mankind,
But also with information as to how Israel had failed their God.

For clarity in this subject, I will omit man’s response in these verses,
And only read the information Paul is providing.

Romans 10:2-6a,8a
2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God,
but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness,
and going about to establish their own righteousness,
have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness
to every one that believeth.
(There is the “FAITH” that they lacked)

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,
That the man which DOETH THOSE THINGS shall live by them.

6a,8a But the righteousness which is of faith
speaketh on this wise…what saith it?
The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:
that is, the word of FAITH, which we preach;

But faith is the very thing that was lacking of those in Israel
who were already claiming to expect a future kingdom from heaven.

But SOME OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS WERE MISSING,
and left unfulfilled.
And so Paul states them,
and some of them appear the same, or similar as
to what the requirements are,
in the gospel that Paul preaches, the gospel of salvation.

But he is NOT talking about Christ dying for their sins.
He is NOT talking about being justified by the resurrection of Christ.

ISRAEL’S FAILURE WAS LACK OF FAITH

Today, we need faith in the gospel of salvation
that Christ, in heaven, gave to Paul for us.

B U T ,
Before Israel fell, they needed FAITH in the covenants, the law, the prophets,
and the gospel of the kingdom,
and they needed to have works that their faith produced.

PAUL WAS NOT TEACHING
that Israel failed to have faith in the gospel of our salvation,
that Christ died for our sins, rose for our justification.

PAUL WAS NOT TEACHING Israel to believe the gospel of the kingdom.
Paul never preached the gospel of the kingdom to anyone.

Paul was identifying for those in Rome, just
wherefore it was that Israel hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

Paul was preparing them to see how all men have now become acceptable
regardless of Israel, and without blessing Israel.
Paul later directly teaches in Romans 11:11 that,
through Israel's fall, salvation is come unto the Gentiles.
So, Paul is making it very clear that
ISRAEL DID FALL, and WHAT CAUSED THEIR FALL.

He is writing that Israel had needed to BELIEVE
that Christ was resurrected,
and to confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus.
Israel lacked the faith to believe that in their heart.

They tried to keep the Law,
and they believed God would bring his kingdom,

but they failed to believe God HIMSELF,
standing right there, in front of them,
JESUS CHRIST!!!.

And they failed to believe
God's proof of Jesus Christ's sonship and atoning sacrifice,
which was HIS RESURRECTION.

They failed to believe all of that.

Paul is NOT preaching
that they should finally believe the gospel of the KINGDOM.

Paul never preached to anyone
that they should be part of an earthly kingdom from heaven

But rather, Paul is informing “all that be in Rome” of how Israel failed God

They lacked faith, the word of FAITH.
So, in Romans chapter ten, verse ten, Paul said
Romans 10:10
10. “…with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
Israel’s word of faith.

Confession that Jesus was their resurrected Messiah, their “Lord”,
was what was still lacking for Israel.
And the key phrase there is "unto salvation."
That was a future hope to whomever Paul was referring.
It was Israel that was to WORK, CONFESS, and BELIEVE.

They needed faith, plus works of faith,
and confession was a work of faith.
It was something THEY had to do.

And, it went with ISRAEL’S believing unto salvation
that was ready to be revealed in the last time.

Look in First Peter chapter one, verse five.
1 Peter 1:5
5. “Who are kept
by the power of God
through faith
unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

Their salvation was not given them as we are accustomed to hearing now.

For us, when we believe, we are saved.
It says so in Ephesians chapter two, verses five, and eight,
and will get to that in a few minutes,

but for them, their salvation was to come at the return of Christ,
Israel’s day of atonement,
when Christ returns and brings the kingdom.

It's different for us believers in Paul's gospel of Christ.
Our salvation occurs at the time we believe.
To verify that, or to show that, lets look at some verses,
starting with Acts chapter thirteen, verse thirty nine.

Acts 13:39
39. “And by him
all that believe
ARE justified from all things,
from which ye could not be justified
by the law of Moses.”
That is a present tense thing, "are justified."
And, by the law of Moses, no one could be justified from future sins.
But Paul preached that
“through this man (Christ)” “all that believe ARE justified from all things”

Lets go on to Romans chapter five, verse eleven,
Romans 5:11
11. “And not only so,
but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom we have NOW received the atonement.”
We believers have NOW received the atonement.

In the middle of the salvation passage from Paul, about the gospel of Christ, in
First Corinthians chapter fifteen, verse two, Paul says,
1 Corinthians 15:2

2. “By which also ye ARE saved,…”

Not, “you are waiting to be saved.”
You are NOT waiting for Christ to bring that salvation at his return,
as Peter said to Israel,
“ready to be revealed in the last time,”

On Israel’s feast day of Pentecost (Weeks),
Peter preached that they were right then, in the last days,
that the tribulation was upon them, leading to the Kingdom from Heaven.
And the foreshadowing of the tribulation, actually was, upon them,
and would have come, if they all had received their King and Kingdom.

Acts 2:14-24
14 ¶But Peter, standing up with the eleven,
lifted up his voice, and said unto them,
Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem,
be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

So, this is the 12, speaking to the city full of Jews.

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose,
seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But THIS IS THAT which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass IN THE LAST DAYS, saith God,
I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens
I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above,
and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,
before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass,
that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man
approved of God among you BY miracles and wonders and signs,
which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered
by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God,
ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death:
because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Israel could have accepted God’s offer, to send the kingdom at that time.
But one year later, Israel committed their unforgiveable sin,
of blaspheming the Holy Ghost, by stoning Holy Ghost filled Stephen.

Just like If Israel had received their Kingdom,
then, John the Baptist would have been
Israel’s “Elias, which was for to come”,

So also, the Acts 2 Pentecost would have started Israel’s “last days” tribulation,
If all Israel had BELIEVED (FAITH) and received their Messiah and Kingdom.

Now lets get to Ephesians chapter two, verse five,
Ephesians 2:5
5. “Even when we were dead in sins,
hath quickened us together with Christ,
(by grace ye are saved; ) ”

“Ye ARE saved.” Three words there. You can't deny them.
Its in God's word. Believers today, are saved NOW, not just waiting to be saved.
Ephesians chapter two, verses eight and nine,
which is a familiar passage,

Ephesians 2:8
8. “For by grace
are ye saved
through faith;
and that not of yourselves:
it is the gift of God:

9. Not of works,
lest any man should boast.”

Confessing the name of Jesus as Lord,
and calling on the name of the Lord,
THAT WAS WHAT ISRAEL WAS CALLED ON TO DO,
In addition to keeping the Law.

The name of the Lord was important for Israel.
It verified to them, the identity of God.
And yet, they denied that Jesus was the Christ, the son of God,
even as He was standing right there in front of them.
They needed to call on the name of the Lord.
They needed to BELIEVE Jesus Christ, standing in front of them,
and then, call on Him, as their Savior.

They also needed to call on Him as their King, yes,
but they needed a SAVIOR TOO.

According to Paul, in Romans chapters one, and two, especially two,
Jews were sinners like the Gentiles, including us.
They were sinners like the rest of the world,
as proved by the Mosaic Law.

They were God's people.
They were His chosen people.

But, they were given the Law to show that they could not keep the Law.
They needed to believe God, and His sacrifice, Jesus Christ,
His substitutionary sacrifice.

But they failed to believe, they lacked the faith.

CONFESSING, CALLING

Confessing and calling: let's look into that.
Look at Joel chapter two, verse thirty two.

Joel 2:32
32. “And it shall come to pass,
that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered:
for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance,
as the LORD hath said,
and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”

That is in Joel's prophecy of the tribulation time, the last days,
which Peter had claimed was starting,
until it was aborted by Israel's rejection of their Messiah, and the Holy Ghost.
But we'll get to that in a minute too.

Let's look at, earlier in Jesus ministry, in John chapter twelve, verse forty two.
In other words,
before Pentecost when Peter preached what we just read in Joel’s prophecy.
(BEFORE THAT)

John 12:42
42. “¶Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him;
but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him,
lest they should be put out of the synagogue:”
Confession was necessary for them, for Israel.

Alright, lets look at Acts, chapter two, verse twenty one,
Peters Pentecost sermon.

Acts 2:21
21. “And it shall come to pass,
that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”
Peter was repeating the prophecy that we read earlier from Joel.

In Romans 10:13, Paul repeated that same prophecy about Israel’s future,
as he was showing Israel’s failure to
have FAITH to CALL on the NAME of the Lord.

Lets look later in Acts,
at Acts chapter twenty two, verse sixteen.
Ananias is saying this, not Paul, and its prior to Paul's teaching ministry.
And it was said at Paul's conversion which was in Acts nine.
But he's reporting back here, and he says, in

Acts 22:16
16. “And now why tarriest thou?
arise, and be baptized, and”

(That word “and”, connects to an additional thing there.
“And,” as in ”two and two are four.”
“And” means “in addition to”.
So, “in addition to” arising and being baptized, also)
“wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

So, for Ananias, from what he knew to speak, in Israel's program,
they needed to call on the name of the Lord.

We know that's not what Paul later preached,
nor is it the gospel that was revealed unto Paul,
committed to him, to dispense to us.
But, that was Israel's program, before Paul’s commissioning.

Lets look in a few places in first and second John,
Written to Israel, expecting their tribulation, Jacob’s Trouble, to come next.
First John chapter four, and verses two, three, and fifteen,

1 John 4:2-3
2. “Hereby know ye the Spirit of God:
Every spirit that confesseth
that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh
is of God:

3. And every spirit that confesseth not
that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh
is not of God:
and this is that spirit of antichrist,
whereof ye have heard that it should come;
and even now already is it in the world.”

the spirit of antichrist.

Now we are going on to First John chapter 4, verse fifteen.
This is still to tribulation Israel,
NOT TO US.

1 John 4:15
15. “Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God,
God dwelleth in him, and he in God.”

And then finally, in this series of the verses,
see Second John, verse seven, the seventh verse in this tiny epistle.
2 John 1:7
7. “¶For many deceivers are entered into the world,
who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.
This is a deceiver and an antichrist.”

so we see that, again, it's confirmed that
confession was necessary for Israel.

Let's look a little earlier in Romans, before we got to that passage.
Look back in Romans chapter nine, verses thirty through thirty two,
which is talking of faith.

Romans 9:30-32
30. “¶What shall we say then? That the Gentiles,
which followed not after righteousness,
have attained to righteousness,
even the righteousness which is of FAITH.

31. But Israel,
which followed after the law of righteousness,
hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

32. Wherefore?” (in other words, “Why”)
“Because they sought it not by faith,
but as it were by the works of the law.
For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;”

Then the passage goes into defining Jesus Christ as the Stone,
but the Rock to Israel, was a Stumblingstone.
They stumbled over that Stone.
In other words, they crucified the Lord,
as in First Peter two, verses six through eight..

1 Peter 2:6-8
6. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture,
Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious:
and he that BELIEVETH on him shall not be confounded.

7. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious:
but unto them which be disobedient,
the stone which the builders disallowed,
the same is made the head of the corner,

8. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence,
even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient:
whereunto also they were appointed.

Romans chapter ten, verses nine, and ten,
is NOT a formula for our, “all men” salvation today,
given exclusively to Paul, to dispense to us all, today.

But actually, it is the gospel of the circumcision.

It is what remains of the gospel of the kingdom,
after Israel has rejected the Kingdom,
by crucifying their Very King.

So the gospel of the circumcision
is the circumcision's gospel, Israel's gospel,
after the kingdom offer was withdrawn.

The gospel of the circumcision still involves:
prophecy,
the covenants,
including the law,
and the identifying of who their Messiah
was, and is.

Israel had to continue keeping the law,
while they added what they had missed before.

What they needed was what they lacked.
What they needed was, in a word, "FAITH."
As Paul said, they had lacked the faith to:
confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus,
and to believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead.

IF WE, in the body of Christ today, not only have to believe,
but also have to confess with our mouth,

THEN Paul contradicts what he said in Romans chapter four, verse five,
disqualifying us from salvation
IF we are counting on any of our works,
such as confession to save us.

Romans 4:5
5. “But TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT,
but BELIEVETH on him that justifieth the ungodly,
his FAITH is counted for righteousness.”

There you have the need for FAITH again,
BUT it is in a parallel program.

They are two different programs,
but BOTH REQUIRE FAITH.

So, it's easy to see, why its confusing
when you hear Paul talking about Israel,
and what they had missed,
and what happened to them.

It is easy to be confused, when he is talking about Israel, failing to have faith,
Then, we tend to think that he is talking about,
the faith that is the only requirement for us in Paul’s gospel,
“we are saved by faith.”

I'm trying to SHOW THAT DIFFERENCE here,
that Paul, at that point, in Romans chapter ten, verses nine, and ten,
was not talking about us.
He was talking about Israel.
And the faith he was talking about then,
was faith in what THEY WERE TO BELIEVE,
the gospel that they were told,
the basics of who Jesus Christ is,
and that he did die,
and was resurrected,
that he is God,
that he was not a fraud,
not the fake that they thought he was,
that He was their Messiah,
and THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT FAITH.
They needed it.

Paul was telling what happened to Israel,
and that Israel failed to have faith in God.

Even though they thought they were safe, as they do today.
If you talk to a Jew today, he thinks he safe just because he was born a Jew.
They continue to go through faithless motions, of keeping the law.

So, lets go back to Romans chapter ten, verses eight through fifteen,
Romans 10:8
8. “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee,”
(Paul talking about Israel’s missing the boat)
“even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:
that is, the word of FAITH,
which we preach;”

In other words, Paul is saying that WE ALSO PREACH FAITH.
Well, let's look on.
Yes, Paul preached FAITH also,
but NOT THE FAITH PLUS WORKS
that is what he tells Israel that they missed,
and, how they missed out on God’s blessings for them..

In some cases, Israel was already doing the works
but also needed the faith that would please God.

So, Paul's identification of Israel's lack of faith,
could sound similar
to Paul's instructions to us,
to those of us hearing the gospel of Christ
that saves us into the body of Christ.
It could sound similar.

But it's a different content of faith.
The person is the same but that which is to be believed, is different.
We are to believe that Christ died for our sins, and rose for our justification.

But that is not what Israel was told to believe.
As a nation, they were to believe that
Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ prophesied in the Old Testament,
and that he was their Messiah that was prophesied to come.

That was what the gospel of the kingdom was,
that he was bringing in their kingdom,
that they would be a kingdom of priests to the rest of the world.
That is totally different from
individuals believing that Christ died for their sins
and so are saved immediately,
and baptized by the one spirit into the body of Christ.

Israel lacked the word of faith,
just like the faith which Paul preaches to us.

But to us, Paul preaches that salvation is
“by grace through faith not of works,”

instead of Israel’s faith plus works.

For us, it's “not by works of righteousness which we have done.”
Paul preaches to us that God's righteousness is only accounted
“to him that worketh not,”
instead of to him that believes and confesses
and calls on the name of the Lord.

So, Paul exposes Israel’s fall, and what offer they failed to except.

Lets go on to the next verse. Romans chapter ten, and verse nine,
Romans 10:9
9. “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,”
(that is what they were to do)
“and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead,
thou shalt be saved.

10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11. For the scripture saith,
Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12a. ¶For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek:…”

(Notice he saying between the Jew and the Greek,
not between the Jew and all Gentiles.
Paul is identifying the Commonwealth of Israel of Ephesians 2:11-12.)

There is no difference in this aspect
between the Jew and the Jew-blessing Greek Gentiles,

those of the Greek culture, seeking wisdom that blessed Israel,
and came to the synagogues to show their faith in the God of Abraham.
Both Jews and Greeks started under Israel’s covenants of promise,
before they believed PAUL’S GOSPEL.
So, there was no difference in them.)

Romans 10:12-15
12b. ¶…for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?
and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15. And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
as it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of them
that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Who must these verses be referring to,
since they are quoted from Israel’s prophecies?
They are not mystery.
They were not kept secret.
They were in the prophecies.
Look at Isaiah chapter fifty two, verse seven.

Isaiah 52:7
7. ¶How beautiful upon the mountains are
the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace;
that bringeth good tidings of good,
that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!
There is the King. Thy God reigneth.

Who is it that administers the gospel of peace in the kingdom of peace.
Isaiah nine, verses six and seven tell us.
Isaiah 9:6 -7
6. “For unto us (Isreal)
“a child is born, unto us” (again, Israel, from Israel’s prophet, Isaiah)
“a son is given:
and the government” (there is that government, that kingdom)
“shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name”
(His name, talking about His name being necessary for them)
“shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The PRINCE of PEACE.

7. Of the increase of his government and PEACE there shall be no end,
upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,
to order it, and to establish it with judgment
and with justice from henceforth even FOR EVER.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

So we can see that Romans chapter ten,
tells us how Israel missed out on their kingdom,
and their Messiah, the Prince of PEACE.
Romans chapter ten, verses nine and ten,
tell exactly what it was that Israel failed at.
FAITH!
Faith to CONFESS that JESUS is the LORD, the SON OF GOD.
Faith to BELIEVE that GOD hath RAISED him from the dead.
They lacked faith to call on the name, and identity of the Lord,
being Jesus, the Christ, their Messiah.

Paul does here, what his manner is.
He first declares the gospel of God, about who Jesus is.
Then he preaches the gospel of Christ, about what Jesus Christ did.

Israel had been told in prophecy after prophecy
who their Messiah would be, and
when He would come, and
where He would be born, and
how He would die,
and that He would not be left in hell.

Israel had been given multiple, multiple pointers to Jesus, born of Mary,
that He was their Messiah,
that same information which Paul later calls “THE GOSPEL OF GOD.”
What Israel missed out on, what Israel missed was the word, FAITH.
Israel simply refused to believe it.

In Romans 9, 10, and 11,
Paul tells "all that be in Rome" what God had told Israel,
that they had failed to believe.
It was the information that Paul calls
the "gospel of God" in Romans 1, verses 1, through 4

What Israel had needed to believe and confess was that
Jesus of Nazareth was their resurrected Messiah.

They were not offered the gospel of Christ, UNTIL after they had fallen,
After the stoning of Stephen,
and the conversion of Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus.
After that, the remnant was being called out,
especially, from Acts nine, through Acts nineteen,
being called by the gospel of Christ, the grace message,
INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Romans chapter eleven, verse five, refers to them as
Romans 11:5
5. “a remnant according to the election of grace.”

In closing, let's look at Hebrews chapter eleven, verse six.
Hebrews is to the Hebrews,
but this verse states a universal truth.

Hebrews 11:6
6. “But without faith it is impossible to please him:
for he that cometh to God must believe that he IS,
and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Israel failed to have faith that God would do what he said he would do.
All the way from KADESHBARNEA,
to CALVARY,
to the unforgiveable KILLING of the Holy Ghost filled STEPHEN,
to their CASTING AWAY as Paul recited Isaiah’s curse to Israel,
blinding, and deafening them, and ending the “Acts of the Apostles”.

But REJOICE, God will have His way.
Although at the end of Acts, Israel became “not my people” to God,
God will make it happen that again, God will say, “ye shall be my people,
And I will be your God”

Ezekiel 36:24
24. For I will take you from among the heathen,
and gather you out of all countries,
and will bring you into your own land.

25. ¶Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you,
and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness,
and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26. A new heart also will I give you,
and a new spirit will I put within you:
and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh,
and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27. And I will put MY SPIRIT within you,
and cause you to walk in my statutes,
and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;
and YE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE,
and I WILL BE YOUR GOD.

That is what I see the scripture to be saying.
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