

**Study of Romans 10**  
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**Romans 10:1-21**

*1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to Elohim for Israel is that they **MIGHT** be saved. 2 For I bear them record that **they have a ZEAL for Elohim, BUT NOT** according to knowledge.*

What does it mean to have a zeal for Elohim? I looked up the word zeal in my thesaurus and it gives me these synonyms for the word *zeal*, and the synonyms are: *enthusiastic, passionate, fanatic, fervent, arduous, keenness, eagerness* and the antonym is *apathetic*. Now I know what the church fathers have taught us in the past, and I know that that same teaching is being taught in most Christian denominations, even today, and that teaching is, unless our Jewish brothers accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, **THEY ARE DOOMED FOREVER AND GOING TO HELL. IF** you believe that that teaching **IS** true, then, I would pose you this question in the light of the churches teaching. We know that Paul **IS** talking to and about his Jewish brothers of his day, and Paul says that they have an *enthusiastic, passionate, fervent, eager zeal* towards YHVH. Now we all know that our heavenly Father loves **ALL** of His people Israel with a perfect infinite love and furthermore Scripture tells us that **IT IS HIS WILL** that **NONE** would perish, and we know that above all, our heavenly Father **IS JUST**.

Now keeping those things in mind, YHVH's great love for all of His creation, His will that **NONE** would perish, and His **JUST** heart, **DO YOU STILL THINK** that YHVH would send these people that Paul says **HAVE A GREAT PASSION OR ZEAL** for Him, do you think that our **JUST** Elohim would send these people to hell and eternal damnation? The answer **IS** of course **IS** a resounding **NO**. Like Paul has said in *Romans 11:25 blindness in part IS happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in*. What we have to understand **IS** that our Jewish brethren **ALREADY** believe in the Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, **BUT** they **DO NOT** believe that the real Messiah would come and do away with any of the Laws, do away with the Father's feasts, His Sabbaths, His dietary laws, His Righteousness, His **TRUTH**, which according to Scripture **IS** His Law, the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. For the Words of YHVH's Torah, **IS**, Elohim's grace and His righteousness in action. Therefore let us make a paradigm shift from the false teachings of church fathers, which says that unless our Jewish brethren accept the Christian Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, they are going to hell, and let us understand that our Jewish brothers who already believe, and try to follow and obey the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as best as they can, let us truly understand that **THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY, FOR THEY ALREADY BELIEVE** in the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and, in YHVH's timing, they **WILL** have the veil which **IS** now preventing them from seeing that Yeshua **IS** indeed our heavenly Father's prophesied Messiah, lifted from their eyes. Amen

*John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears (Shemah, hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO**) My Word (which is identical to the Father's Word, since Messiah **IS** the Living Word of the Father), and believes on Him that sent Me (believes in our heavenly Father, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), has everlasting life, and **SHALL NOT COME INTO CONDEMNATION; BUT IS PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE.***

I have showed you all of this so that you will understand that Paul has **ESTABLISHED FOR US** that our Jewish brothers are on the very same footing or foundation that we are on, and that we **ALL** have to learn to **BELIEVE, FOLLOW AND OBEY** the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah did and taught us to do.

*Verse 3 For they being ignorant of Elohim's righteousness, and going about to establish their OWN righteousness, have NOT submitted nor subjected themselves unto the RIGHTEOUSNESS (the Torah, Deuteronomy 6:25) of Elohim.*

First of all I want you to see that Elohim's **Righteousness** and the **Righteousness** of the Torah are one and the same **Righteousness**. The word **Righteousness** is used three times in this short verse, and twice **IT IS** referred to as Elohim's **Righteousness** and once it refers to the **righteousness of man**. It would therefore make sense for us to understand what the words *Elohim's Righteousness* means before we go ahead and try and understand the rest of this chapter of Romans.

The Greek word translated as **righteousness** is Strong's number **G1343**, δικαιοσύνη; dikaiosunē; *dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay*; and it means equity (of character or act); specifically (Christian) **justification**: - righteousness. It is from Strong's number **G1342**, δίκαιος; dikaios; *dik'-ah-yos*; From **G1349**; which means *equitable* (in character or act); by implication **innocent, holy** (absolutely or relatively): - **just, meet, right** (-eous).

In Hebrew **IT IS** Strong's number **H6666**, יָשָׁר; tsêdâqâh; *tsed-aw-kaw'*; *rightness* (abstractly), subjectively, *rectitude*, objectively, **justice**, morally, **virtue** or figuratively **prosperity**: - justice, moderately, right, righteous act, it is from **H6663**, צָדַק; tsâdaq; *tsaw-dak'*; A primitive root; to be, **causatively make right, in a moral or forensic sense; cleanse**, clear self, be, do **justice, justify, justify self**, be righteous, turn to righteousness.

Let me show you what the Scripture says about **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. *Deuteronomy 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as YHVH my Elohim Commanded me, that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes (Torah), and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. 7 For what nation is there so great, who has Elohim so nigh unto them, as YHVH our Elohim is in all things that we call upon Him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, that has statutes and judgments so RIGHTEOUS as all this Torah (Law), which I set before you this day?*

*Deuteronomy 6:24 And YHVH Commanded us TO DO ALL these statutes, to fear YHVH our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. 25 And it shall be our righteousness, IF we observe to do all these Commandments (Torah) before YHVH our Elohim, as He hath commanded us.*

**IT IS** therefore quite evident that the Scriptures define **RIGHTEOUSNESS** as the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and according to Strong's definition, the word **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is **synonymous** with the word **JUSTIFICATION**, which means that when the Torah **IS** followed and obeyed with a loving surrendered obedient heart to our heavenly Father, **IT JUSTIFIES US** before the eyes of Elohim. Therefore let us reread *verse 3* with this new understanding of the meaning of the word **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. *Verse 3 For they being ignorant of Elohim's Torah* (the Words of His inerrant

and everlasting teaching and instructions, His **Righteousness**), and **going about to establish their own torah**, (their own teaching and instructions, their own doctrines, their own **righteousness**, their own oral torah), **have NOT submitted nor SUBJECTED themselves unto the Torah of Elohim (the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions).**

This brings to mind what Paul said in *Romans 8:7-8* **Because the carnal mind** (the fleshly, disobedient mind) **IS enmity against Elohim: FOR IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE TORAH (LAW) OF Elohim, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh CANNOT PLEASE ELOHIM.** Since we have established that YHVH's Torah **IS RIGHTEOUSNESS, THEN** here in *Romans 8:7-8* Paul is telling us that the carnal mind **IS NOT, NOR WILL IT EVER SUBJECT ITSELF TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF YHVH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

This *verse* also tells us, that we **MUST WILLINGLY** surrender our hearts, mind, soul and strength in loving obedience to our heavenly Father, **THEN** and only **THEN, WILL** His **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, His Torah come alive in our lives, for **IT WILL** no longer be us keeping the Torah, but the Holy Spirit of Elohim indwelling us, will **CAUSE** those that have chosen to surrender their will to our heavenly Father, to walk out all of Elohim's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words His Torah of Life, and that **IS** what Paul is telling us about here in *Romans 10*. The evidence that **IT IS** the Spirit of YHVH that causes us to walk out YHVH's Torah **IS** found in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* **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 a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments, and do them.**

*Verse 4* **For Messiah IS the Goal (the end) of the Torah, Law) for Righteousness to every one that believes. 5 For Moses describes the righteousness which IS OF THE TORAH (Law); that the man which does those things SHALL LIVE BY THEM.**

To understand what Paul is saying here, we have to first understand who Messiah **IS**. *John 1:1* **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim. John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and TRUTH, (Torah, Psalm 119:142).**

Based on these two *verses* we must conclude that Messiah **IS** the Word of Elohim made **FLESH**. We also have to understand that the Word of Elohim **IS** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life; therefore Messiah in the flesh, represents our heavenly Father's **LIVING TORAH**. Now when Paul says that Messiah **IS THE GOAL** of the Torah, the Law of **Righteousness**, what does He mean? He means that the perfectly Torah obedient life that Messiah lived while He was here on earth with us, **IS THE GOAL** that all believers should aspire to attain or accomplish, for that **IS THE GOAL OF A PERFECT BELIEVER**, as Messiah was a perfect believer, and when our heavenly Father commands us in the Torah to be Holy as He is Holy, that **IS WHAT HE MEANS**, obey My Torah, My Living Torah.

Our heavenly Father wants us to follow His Son's exemplary life, and surrender our heart, mind, soul and strength, our whole being to Him, and when we do, He fills us with His Holy Spirit, who in turn **CAUSES US** to walk out His Torah of Life. Notice that He will **NOT** force anyone to surrender themselves to Him; therefore we **MUST** be willing to surrender our wills to His will, of our own accord, before He will fill us with His Holy Spirit. The reverse **IS ALSO TRUE, IF** we are **NOT**

willing to surrender our will to our heavenly Father's will and we are not willing to follow **ALL** of His teaching and instructions, then He will **NOT** fill us with His Holy Spirit, who according to Scripture **IS** the **ONLY** entity that causes **ALL** believers in the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob **TO OBEDIENTLY WALK OUT** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, therefore I would caution **ALL** of us **TO BEWARE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT PROFESS TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF ELOHIM AND YET WALK CONTRARY TO THE INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, HIS TORAH OF LIFE, FOR THEY ARE FOLLOWING A DIFFERENT SPIRIT THAN THE HOLY SPIRIT OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.**

*Verse 6 But the **Righteousness** which is of belief (faith) speaks on this wise, say **NOT** in your heart, who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Messiah down from above:) 7 Or, who shall descend into the deep? (That is, to bring up Messiah again from the dead.)*

Here in these verses Paul is quoting *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*, so lets compare these verses and see what we can glean from them, This is what it says *Deuteronomy 30:10 If you shall **hearken (shemah)** unto the voice of YHVH your Elohim, to Keep His Commandments and His statutes which are **WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK OF THE TORAH (Law)**, and **IF** you turn unto YHVH your Elohim with **ALL** your heart, and with **ALL** your soul. 11 For this Commandment which I command you this day, **IT IS NOT** hidden from you, **NEITHER IS IT FAR OFF.** 12 **IT IS NOT** in heaven, that you should say, who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us that we may Shemah, hear it, and do it? 13 **NEITHER IS IT BEYOND** the sea that you should say, who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, shemah it, **AND DO IT?** 14 But, **THE WORD** is very nigh unto you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it.*

In Paul's version of this quote he says, *who shall ascend into heaven? That is, to bring **Messiah** down from above and who shall descend into the deep? That is, to bring up **Messiah** again from the dead.*

But in the Torah in *Deuteronomy 30* which is where Paul is quoting from, it says, **this Commandment** which I command you this day, **IT IS NOT** hidden from you.

Well, since Paul **is** actually quoting *Deuteronomy 30*, why does it seem like he **IS** misquoting it, and using the name Messiah rather than the word **COMMANDMENT** or the word **WORD**? Paul is doing that because He understands that Messiah, the Commandments and the Word of Elohim **ARE ONE AND THE SAME ENTITY**, they are synonymous terms; Messiah **IS** the Living Torah, the Living Word of Elohim made flesh.

Paul goes on to say, *verse 8 But what does the Scripture say? Again Paul is quoting *Deuteronomy 30*, The **Word** is near you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the **Word of belief (faith)** (the Torah), which we preach. In *Deuteronomy 30:14* it says *But, the Word (the Torah) is very near to you, in your mouth, and in your heart, **THAT YOU MAY DO IT.*** Therefore based on these verses, **IT IS** very evident that Paul **IS** telling us, that we, the believers in Messiah, should **KEEP AND DO THE WORD OF ELOHIM**, in other words, **PAUL IS TELLING US THAT WE MUST KEEP AND DO YHVH's TORAH**, we must follow and obey YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting Life..*

How are we to do that? *Verse 9 That **IF** you shall **CONFESS** with your mouth Messiah Yeshua, and shall believe in your heart that Elohim has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. Verse 9,*

tells us that we first **HAVE TO CONFESS** Messiah Yeshua. What does that mean, to **CONFESS** Messiah? In Strong's concordance we are told that the word **CONFESS**, is the Greek word, *homologeō*,

**G3670**, *ομολογέω*, *homologeō*, *hom-ol-og-eh'-o*: From a compound of the base of **G3674** and **G3056**; to *assent*, that is, *covenant, acknowledge*: - con- (pro-) fess, confession is made, *give thanks, promise*.

**TO CONFESS** therefore means *to assent, to acknowledge*, and or **ENTER INTO A COVENANT** with the One that you are confessing, who in this case **IS Messiah**. Therefore Paul **IS** saying that when we **CONFESS** Messiah, we are actually entering into a **COVENANT WITH MESSIAH**, and the Covenant that we have entered into with Messiah **IS A PROMISE TO ASSENT, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE TO LIVE OUR LIVES IN THE EXACT SAME MANNER THAT MESSIAH LIVED HIS LIFE, and THAT IS IN FULL SURRENDERED OBEDIENCE TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH, in total surrendered obedience to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions**, His Torah of Life. *1John 2:6 He that says HE ABIDES IN MESSIAH ought himself also so to walk, EVEN AS MESSIAH WALKED.*

**IF that IS** the case, **IF** we are to walk as Messiah walked, then we need to know who He is and **HOW** He walked. Scripture tells us that Messiah **IS** the Son of our heavenly Father, because our heavenly Father has said so in *Matthew 3:17 This is MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED*. Who or what else **IS** our Messiah? *John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim, and in John 1:14 we are told that the Word of our heavenly Father was made flesh*, and that that Word made flesh **IS** Messiah. Therefore according to the **TEXT**, we **MUST** conclude that Yeshua **IS** the Living Word of Elohim, He **IS** our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions brought to life as **THE** Living example **FOR ALL OF US TO EMULATE**, Messiah **IS** the Living Torah.

Therefore, **WHEN we willingly** choose to **CONFESS** Messiah with our mouth, it means that we enter into a **COVENANT** with Him and *we assent* and or *acknowledge* that Messiah Yeshua **IS** the Living Torah. Once we have acknowledged Him with our mind, we must now **BELIEVE IT IN OUR HEART**. What does it mean, **TO BELIEVE IT IN OUR HEART?** It means that with every fibre of our being and without any shadow of doubt, we are to believe that Yeshua **IS** indeed the Living Torah, Elohim's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **MADE FLESH**, so that He can live in and through us, make His abode within us, and guide us on **HOW** we, the children of Elohim are to live. *Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Messiah: nevertheless I live; yet NOT I, BUT MESSIAH LIVES IN ME: and the life which I NOW LIVE in the flesh, I live BY the BELIEF (the faith) of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*

The Scripture tells us that Messiah was sinless, and since Sin, according to Scripture, **IS** transgression of the Torah (Law), (*1John 3:4*) **THEN** that means that Messiah's life, which is the example that we are to follow, Messiah's life, **WAS ONE OF PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TORAH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions; Messiah **DID NOT TRANSGRESS** the Torah in any way, shape or form, **HAD IT NOT BEEN SO**, our Messiah, **COULD NOT HAVE BEEN** the sinless Lamb of our heavenly Father.

Paul tells us in *verse 10* what prerequisite **IS** necessary for us to believe **ALL** of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions. We **MUST** believe **IT** in our hearts, because **IF** we simply intellectualize it, believe it in our minds only, we will eventually rationalize it away, for that **IS** our fleshly nature, to take the path of least resistance. *Verse 10 For with the heart man believes unto*

**Righteousness**; we have already established that **RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTIFICATION AND TORAH** are synonymous terms, so this verse is telling us, that with all of our beings, our hearts, minds souls and strength, we are to believe YHVH's Torah, His **Righteousness**, *Deuteronomy 4:5-8; 6:24-25*) and with the mouth confession (assenting or acknowledgement) is made unto salvation. Please notice that it says **UNTO** salvation, which means that **IT IS** something that happens in the future, and **IT ALSO IMPLIES** that this salvation will only happen **IF we continue** to believe in our heart and confess with our mouth that our heavenly Father has raised Messiah, the Living Torah from the dead, and learn to follow His example, and walk in His Torah obedient footsteps.

*Verse 11 For the Scripture says, Whosoever believes on Him (Messiah, the Living Torah) shall NOT be ashamed, confounded or confused. We are told in 1Corinthians 14:33 For Elohim is NOT the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. What does it mean to believe on Him? We have established that Messiah IS the Living Torah, our heavenly Father's Living inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions made flesh, therefore this verse IS telling us that IF we choose to believe what the Living Torah IS TELLING US, THEN we will NOT be confounded or confused BUT that instead we will understand what YHVH wants from us, for YHVH tells us in His Word in John 8:32 And YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, Torah (YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, Psalm 119:142), and the TRUTH, the Torah (YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions) SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.*

Next Paul tells us that there **IS** but One Elohim, and who the true believers really are. Paul says in *verse 12 For there IS NO difference between the Jew and the Greek (Gentile): for the same YHVH over all IS rich unto all that call upon Him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of YHVH shall be saved* (again this speaks of a future event). Paul is telling us that our ethnicity has nothing to do with our salvation, for Paul tells us that whether you are born a Jew, a Hebrew or a Gentile, it makes no difference, for YHVH **IS NOT** a respecter of persons (*Acts 10*), He searches men's hearts and He knows whether or not His seed, His Word has been planted there, and when His seed **IS** indeed planted in a man's heart, YHVH fills Him with His Holy Spirit who in turn **CAUSES** that man or woman to walk out our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

In the next *verses* we have a mandate from Elohim for **ALL** believers. We are to live a Torah obedient life so that when people come and ask us about this *good news* that **IS** blessing us and making us joyful, we will be able to tell them everything we know about Elohim and the great things that He has done in our own lives. We are to lead by example in the very same manner that our Messiah did, and His example is, loving surrendered obedience to our heavenly Father's Word, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life.

*Verse 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 ARE 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 Isaiah says, YHVH, who has believed our report?*

*Verse 17 So then belief (faith) comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Elohim.* Before we go any further we have to explain what the word **faith** means according to Scripture. The English word faith is the Hebrew word *Aman*, אָמַן, and the word faithfulness is the Hebrew word *emunah*, אֱמוּנָה. In many verses the word *Aman* is translated as *support*. Let me quote you a few *verses* to better explain what this word *faith* and *faithful*, *Aman*, means.

*Genesis 42:20, But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be **verified** (aman, supported), and you shall not die. And they did so.*

*Ruth 4:16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became **nurse** (aman, supported) unto it.*

*2 Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be **established** (aman, supported) for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.*

*Psalms 89:28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and My covenant shall **stand fast** (aman, supported) with him.*

*Exodus 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were **steady or firm** (emunah) until the going down of the sun.*

*Isaiah 22:23 And I will fasten him as a tent peg in a **sure** (aman, supporting) place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.*

*Psalms 89:1 I will sing of the mercies of YHVH for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy **faithfulness** (emunah) to all generations. 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy **faithfulness** (emunah) shall thou establish in the very heavens. 3 I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn unto David My servant, 4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah. 5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O YHVH: thy **faithfulness** (emunah) also in the congregation of the saints.*

These verses are excellent illustrations of the concrete meaning and understanding of these words. For example in *Isaiah 22:23* we can see that firm ground is chosen as the site for setting up a tent, so when the tent pegs are driven into the soil, the **FIRM ground WILL support the tent** even in a strong wind, and in Exodus we see Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands **steady or firm, aman**. So you can see that the word Aman, faith, or emunah, faithful means to support, to set firm in place.

Therefore this means that Messiah supported Elohim's Commandments, by upholding and obeying **ALL** of the Commandments of the Father who appointed Him. Messiah only did the will of the Father and Messiah never changed, abolished or destroyed any part of the Law, the Torah, Messiah did **NOT** do away with even one Jot or tittle of the Torah, He confirmed and accomplished **ALL** that the Father asked of Him, as an obedient Son. By His life here on earth, Messiah **AFFIRMED, SUPPORTED, VERIFIED AND ESTABLISHED** all of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life.

So now let us reread *verse 17* with our new understanding: *Verse 17 So then belief (faith), (Aman, which means **a firm, anchored, fully supported belief** of Elohim's Word, His Torah) comes by hearing, (the English word hearing is the Hebrew word Shemah, which means to **hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, obey and DO**), and hearing (this act of hearing, listening, understanding, believing, following, obeying and doing, comes) by the Word of Elohim, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.*

What Paul **IS** saying **IS THAT** the **solid firm foundation** that our belief (faith) **IS** to be built upon **IS** the Torah of YHVH, given to Moses at Mount Sinai.

Next Paul tells us of the state of Israel's fate and what he believes YHVH will do with and for Israel. *Verse 18 But I say, Have they **NOT** heard? Who is the, they, in this verse? It is the whosoever, talked about in verses 11 and 13 Yes verily, **their** sound went into **ALL** the earth, and **THEIR** words unto **THE ENDS** of the world. Have you ever wondered who the **THEIR** whose sound went into **ALL** the*

earth, **IS** in this verse? Well **IF** you have, you don't have to wonder anymore. The word **THEIR** that Paul is referring to or talking about, **IS** the heavens and the firmament; for Paul **IS** quoting *Psalm 19:1-4 The heavens declare the glory of Elohim; and the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night shows knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where THEIR voice is not heard. 4 Their line is gone out through ALL the earth, and their WORDS to the end of the world. In them has He set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

What are **their WORDS**, that have gone throughout all the earth? *Psalm 119:89 For ever, O YHVH, Your word is settled, established in heaven;* and the definition of the Word of YHVH is described in *Psalm 19: 7 – 11 The Torah of YHVH is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of YHVH is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of YHVH are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of YHVH is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of YHVH is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of YHVH are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

According to the Psalmist that Paul is quoting, the Words that YHVH has established forever in the heavens are the Words that the heavens are speaking throughout all the earth; **AND THOSE WORDS ARE** the Torah of YHVH, and His Torah, has **TEN ATTRIBUTES** described by the Psalmist. The Torah is *perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, true, it is to be desired, it is sweet,* and YHVH's the Torah *warns us against ALL the evils of the world* and the Psalmist tells us that **in keeping or guarding and following YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah and making it precious in our lives THERE IS GREAT REWARD.**

Now Paul goes on and poses us a question, *verse 19* and then he answers **IT** in the same *verse*. *But I say did NOT Israel know? First Moses says, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are NO people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.* What does Paul's answer mean? We have to go to *Deuteronomy 32* which **IS** the chapter of the song of Moses, to get the answer.

*Deuteronomy 32:12 So YHVH alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. 13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; 14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and you did drink the pure blood of the grape. 15 But Jeshurun (Israel) waxed fat, and kicked: you are waxen fat, you are grown thick, you are covered with fatness; then he (Israel) forsook Elohim which MADE HIM, and lightly esteemed the Rock of His salvation. 16 They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they Him to anger. 17 They sacrificed unto devils, NOT to Elohim; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. 18 Of the Rock that begat you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten Elohim that formed you. 19 And when YHVH saw it, He abhorred them, because of the provoking of His sons, and of His daughters. 20 And He said, I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very perverse generation, children in whom is no belief (faith, aman). 21 They have moved Me to jealousy with that which is NOT Elohim; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are NOT a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.*

Back to Romans 10, verse 20 But Isaiah is very bold, and says, I was found of them that sought Me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked **NOT** after Me. 21 But to Israel He says, **ALL** day long I have stretched forth My hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Isaiah 65:1 I am sought of them that asked not for Me; I am found of them that sought Me not: I said, Behold Me, behold Me, unto a nation that was **NOT** called by My name. 2 I have spread out My hands **ALL** the day unto a rebellious people, **which walk in a way that was NOT good, after their own thoughts**; 3 A people that provokes Me to anger continually to My face; that sacrifices in gardens, and burns incense upon altars of brick; 4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, **which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels**; 5 Which say, Stand by yourself, come not near to me; for I am holier than you. These are a smoke in My nose, a fire that burns all the day. 6 Behold, it is written before Me: I will **NOT** keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, 7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, says YHVH, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed Me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom. 8 Thus says YHVH, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: **so will I do for my servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all.** 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of My Mountains: and My elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there.

In these last four verses of Romans 10 Paul has posed two questions. Has Israel **NOT HEARD**; Did Israel **NOT KNOW**? And then he answers those questions by quoting a Psalmist, Moses and Isaiah. The end result **IS** that Israel (Judah) and the other nations of the world (where Ephraim is found) are **without excuse**, for the Word of Elohim has gone out to the ends of the earth, and Israel and the world both deserve to die, but YHVH in His infinite mercy says in verses 8 – 9 of Isaiah 65 **So will I do for My servants' sake, that I may NOT destroy them all.** 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of **Jacob, and out of Judah** an inheritor of My Mountains: and My elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there. In these verses our heavenly Father speaks of both Judah and Ephraim and says that both of them will inherit His Mountains and YHVH says that both of His elect, that is, Judah and Ephraim, will be His servants and dwell in His mountains, which **IS** a picture of dwelling with YHVH in His Kingdom forever.

Paul is teaching the Romans and us about YHVH's love, grace and mercy. He is teaching us that we **all deserve to die because of our sinful ways, BUT** our heavenly Father has seen fit to look in men's hearts and determine whether they love Him or not, and through His grace and mercy, He offers a gift to **ALL** those that by belief (faith, aman, emunah) choose to faithfully obey and follow His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of life, and that gift my friends **IS** eternal life at His side. In Summary, Paul is teaching us to believe, to have faith, aman, to **TRUST** in YHVH and His Living Torah, our Messiah, and our heavenly Father **WILL DO** the rest by filling us with His Holy Spirit **WHO IN TURN WILL CAUSE** all that have willingly surrendered their hearts, minds, souls and strength to walk out YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life, His Righteousness, His **TRUTH**. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein*