

**10**[1] Brethren, indeed the good pleasure of my heart and the prayer which is to the God is for the Israel for salvation. [2] For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. [3] For being ignorant of the righteousness of the God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness of the God. [4] For Christ is end<sup>1</sup> of law for righteousness to all who believe.<sup>2</sup>

[5] For Moses writes the righteousness which is from the law, that “the man who does them<sup>3</sup> shall live in them.”<sup>4</sup> [6] And the righteousness from faith speaks thus, “Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into the heaven?’ That is, to bring Christ down. [7] Or, “Who will go down into the abyss.”<sup>5</sup> That is, to bring Christ from the dead. [8] But, what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,”<sup>6</sup> that is, the word of the faith which we preach.

[9] That, if you confess in your mouth, Lord Joshua, and believe in your heart that the God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For in heart he believes unto righteousness, and he confesses unto salvation.<sup>7</sup> [11] For the writing says, “Everyone who believes on him shall not be ashamed.”

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1 Τέλος (Telos) “end” - used for the “end” of something (e.g. Matthew 10:22; 24:6, 13-14; 26:58; etc.) and “custom” (i.e. tax, e.g. Matthew 17:25; Romans 13:7).

2 Christ brought the new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31//Hebrews 8:8, 13; 9:15; 12:14; Matthew 26:28//Mark 14:24//Luke 22:20//1 Corinthians 11:5), likewise apostles (2 Corinthians 3:6), which is “not according to the” old covenant (Hebrews 8:7-9) with “the priesthood being changed,” and thus the new covenant came with “a change of law” (Hebrews 7:12), wherein “I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts” (Hebrews 8:10). Man's flesh could not keep the old covenant, “Because, the thinking of the flesh is hostile toward God, for it does not submit to the law of the God, for it also is unable” (Romans 8:7 TT). It took faith to truly keep the old covenant (Deuteronomy 6:5-6; 30:10-14/Romans 10:5-8), which the flesh does not have (Romans 8:7). Faith is a gift which comes with salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

3 αὐτὰ (auta) “them” YLT (אֹתָם ['otâm] "them" Leviticus 18:5); “those things” (NKJV).

4 MT, RT αὐτοῖς (autois) “them”; CT αὐτῆ (autê) “her”

5 ἄβυσσον (abusson) “abyss” - found also in Luke 8:31; Revelation 9:1-2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3.

6 For verses 5-8 see Deuteronomy 30:11-14.

7 Faith in the heart results into righteousness, and the confession of “Lord Joshua” is submission to God.