

“Unbelief – No Excuses Please”

Romans 10:16-21

- I. **Unbelief is a rejection of the gospel of Jesus Christ (v. 16).**

- II. **Belief in the gospel comes from hearing it, understanding it, and accepting it (v. 17).**

- III. **Excuses for not believing the gospel are unacceptable (vv. 18-21).**
 - **Excuse # 1 – Maybe Israel didn’t hear.**
 - Response – Yes they did. The gospel message has been proclaimed to Jews everywhere (Psa. 19:4).

 - **Excuse # 2 – Maybe Israel didn’t understand.**
 - Response – Gentiles have proved to be more responsive (Deut. 32:21; Isa. 65:1).
 - God continues to extend His grace to Israel.
 - Israel continues to rebel.

Summary

1. **God is not responsible for any man’s lost condition. Israel failed to believe in Christ because of willful rejection.**

2. **Human responsibility, however, does not mean that men have an unqualified “free will.” We need the grace of conviction by the Holy Spirit (enlightenment). We need the ability to believe (Jn. 6:44).**
 - We do not have a sovereign will with regard to our salvation (Jn. 6:65).

3. **The Holy Spirit is necessary to create within us an attraction toward Christ that draws unbelievers to Him.**

4. **What will kill our evangelistic/missionary zeal?**