Israel Is Without Excuse (Pt. 3)

Rom. 10 with Acts 13

- 1. Acts 13:38--What "sins" is Paul referring to?
 - a. It is a forgiveness of sins that pertains only to the Jews, not the Gentiles, not even God-fearing Gentiles.
 - b. It is the "sins" that Paul has been enumerating in this sermon. The sins of national Israel in persistent rebellion against God, going all the way back to the Exodus.
 - c. These Jews in Pisidia Antioch in Paul's day didn't commit these specific "sins." They weren't even born yet. And they didn't really participate in putting Christ to death (the Jerusalem leaders did that). But they did fall under this burden of the national sins of Israel, along with every other Jew in Israel's history.

2. Then, in 13:39, Paul just as suddenly changes who he is addressing once again. Now he enlarges it to include not just the Men of Israel, Jews and Jewish proselytes but the Godfearing Gentiles associated with Israel AND the Gentiles at large in the world apart from Israel: ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

- 3. This man, the Lord Jesus Christ not only provides salvation to the whole world of sinners, justification by faith before God unto eternal life (Rom. 1-8), but He also provides salvation for Jews still associated with the accursed nation, deliverance from their participation in Israel's national sins without shame (Rom. 9:33, 10:11) by faith, confession, calling.
 - —This "confession" with the "mouth" consists of the external act of separating from the apostate nation and following Paul (Acts 13:43; Rom. 10).

- 4. Complete salvation is participated in by embracing what God is doing through Paul's apostleship in faith:
 - a. Salvation from individual sins, Sin and Death comes especially through Paul's Gospel of Grace, transferring Jews and Gentiles out of the realm of sin and death and into the realm of righteousness and life in Christ Jesus (Rom. 1-8).
 - b. Salvation for unbelieving Jews from Israel's national sins during the transition period comes especially through Paul's body of dispensational Mystery Truth, which transfers them out of Israel's Prophetic Program and places them into the Body of Christ's Mystery Program (Rom. 9-11), where they continue in the grace of God.

- 5. In receiving what God was doing through Paul's apostleship, the Jews could join the Gentiles in being justified from ALL things, including being forgiven their connection to Israel's national sins (as described in Acts 13:14-38) without shame.
 - a. Therefore, they should separate from the apostate nation follow Paul and continue in the grace God is dispensing through him (Acts 13:43).
 - b. This way they will be "saved" from the accursed nation, shame, stumbling and ignorance of God and His Righteousness and be brought into the Righteousness of God through Christ, the foundation stone for all that God is doing.