

Hear, Know, Seek

Introduction

- Paul has turned his attention to the Jews in chapters 9-11
 - Jews had misunderstood their choice as one of elitism when in fact it was one of inclusion – “that all the world might be blessed”
 - The Jews had a zeal for God but it was not born out of knowledge
- With all that God had given them to walk in truth, how could they have missed it?
 - I. They did not believe - (16-17)
 - A. Isaiah said they would not believe - Isaiah 53:1
 - 1. The substitutionary death of Christ
 - 2. the good news of the gospel - Isaiah 53:4-5
 - B. The Jews had this truth but refused to believe!
 - II. They did not hear - (18)
 - A. Paul quotes from Psalms 19:4
 - B. Their sound went into all the earth. – they had had heard but refused to take it to heart!
 - III. They did not know - (19)
 - A. Paul quotes from Moses’ writing - Deuteronomy 32:21
 - 1. They were making gods of things that were not God
 - 2. They were making essential the non-essentials!
 - B. God chose the Gentiles to include in salvation to make them jealous
 - IV. They did not seek - (20-21)
 - A. God was always instantly available to them
 - B. They are in unbelief because they refused to seek Him out!
 - C. God was so available that even the Gentiles could easily find Him - Isaiah 65:1
 - D. Hear the rebuke - (21) “All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.”