

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY

ROMANS 10:1–21



The Heart of the Matter

Romans 9 addresses God's sovereignty, specifically regarding predestination. One popular, albeit extreme, response to that truth sounds like this: *since God is sovereign—since He is the Potter and I'm only clay—then I'm not really responsible for my actions or reactions. If I'm a disobedient believer, that's God's fault, not mine. If I'm lost and not a part of His family, that's His fault, not mine. I'm just clay!* In response to this position, Romans 10 shouts, "No way!" This chapter assaults such shallow and superficial rationalization. Without retreating an inch from what he just wrote in chapter 9, Paul next declared that God is not responsible for a person's lost condition—each individual is. At point-blank range, Romans 10 shoots a hole into the erroneous idea that people can hide behind divine sovereignty to excuse or ignore their sin. Then why are people lost? As Romans 10 teaches: they have rejected the gospel.



Discovering the Way

1. A Preview of Responsibility

We can summarize Romans 10 in a single sentence: God rejected Israel because the people of Israel rejected His Son, the Messiah.

2. An Analysis of Human Responsibility (Romans 10:1–21)

Paul began the chapter by focusing on the Jews, but he eventually turned his attention to the responsibility of all lost people to accept God's offer of salvation.

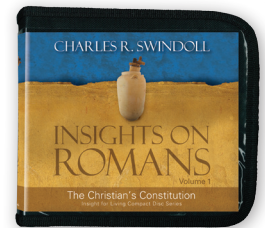


Starting Your Journey

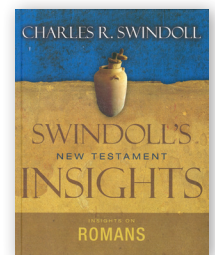
So who's responsible for what? The Christian is responsible to pray for and share with others. The non-Christian is responsible to face the truth and respond to it. And God is responsible to save whomever comes to Him.



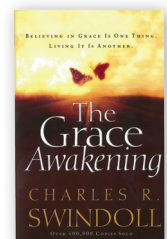
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