

This quotation occurred in Romans 10:20 and 21, ~~or is 19 and~~ This is in a section of Paul's epistles from chapter 3:9-11, where Paul deals with the problems that bother him considerably, that a comparatively small start of the people who were now accepting Christ as Saviour were Jews. The larger number of new Christians were coming from Gentile backgrounds. After this ..wonderful book of Romans presenting such a clear picture of the need, method, and result of justification by faith in chapters 1 - 8, Paul stops to look at this problem and to express his great sorrow about it, he says I say the truth in Christ, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart, and wished myself accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, and then as he continues looking at the situation, he sees that God in His marvelous power has chosen that things be this way. The Gentiles, He says at the end of chapter 9 he says at the end of chapter 9, who did not follow after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, but Israel, which followed after righteousness, has not attained ~~wherefore~~ wherefore, because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. In other words, it has been the pride of Israel, it has been in their thoughts that they could win salvation for themselves. It has been their thought that God was obligated and must watch out for them that has raised up this pride that keeps so many of them from accepting the Saviour. While more of the Gentiles have been able to see that it is necessary that one repent of his sin, recognize himself as absolutely nothing, and it is only the marvelous grace of God that anyone can be saved. He continues in this chapter along the same lines, and toward the end of the chapter brings out the fact that this which has occurred is part of God's plan and has been