

“The One Who Holds Out His Hands -
Proclaiming, Hearing, Confessing”

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Rom. 9:30 ¶ What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith;

Rom. 9:31 but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law.

Rom. 9:32 Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,

Rom. 10:1 ¶ Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

Rom. 10:2 I can testify that they have a
zeal for God, but it is not enlightened.

Rom. 10:3 For, being ignorant of the
righteousness that comes from God, and
seeking to establish their own, they have
not submitted to God's righteousness.

Rom. 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law
so that there may be righteousness for
everyone who believes.

Rom. 10:5 ¶ Moses writes concerning the
righteousness that comes from the law,
that “the person who does these things
will live by them.”

Lev. 18:5 You shall keep my statutes and
my ordinances; by doing so one shall live: I
am the Lord.

Deut. 30:1 ¶ When all these things have happened to you, the blessings and the curses that I have set before you, if you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you,

Deut. 30:4 Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back.

Deut. 30:6 ¶ Moreover, the Lord your
God will circumcise your heart and the
heart of your descendants, so that you
will love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul, in order that
you may live.

Deut. 30:11 ¶ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

Deut. 30:12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?"

Deut. 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea,
that you should say, "Who will cross to the
other side of the sea for us, and get it for
us so that we may hear it and observe it?"

Deut. 30:14 No, the word is very near to
you; it is in your mouth and in your heart
for you to observe.

Rom. 10:6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)

Rom. 10:7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

Rom. 10:8 But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we
proclaim);

Rom. 10:9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom. 10:10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

Rom. 10:11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

Rom. 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

Rom. 10:13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Joel 2:32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Rom. 10:14 ¶ But how are they to call on
one in whom they have not believed? And
how are they to believe in one of whom
they have never heard? And how are they
to hear without someone to proclaim him?

Rom. 10:15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Rom. 10:16 But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

Rom. 10:17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Rom. 10:18 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for
“Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”

Rom. 10:19 Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

Deut. 32:21 They made me jealous with
what is no god,

provoked me with their idols.

So I will make them jealous with what is no
people, provoke them with a foolish
nation.

Rom. 10:20 Then Isaiah is so bold as to

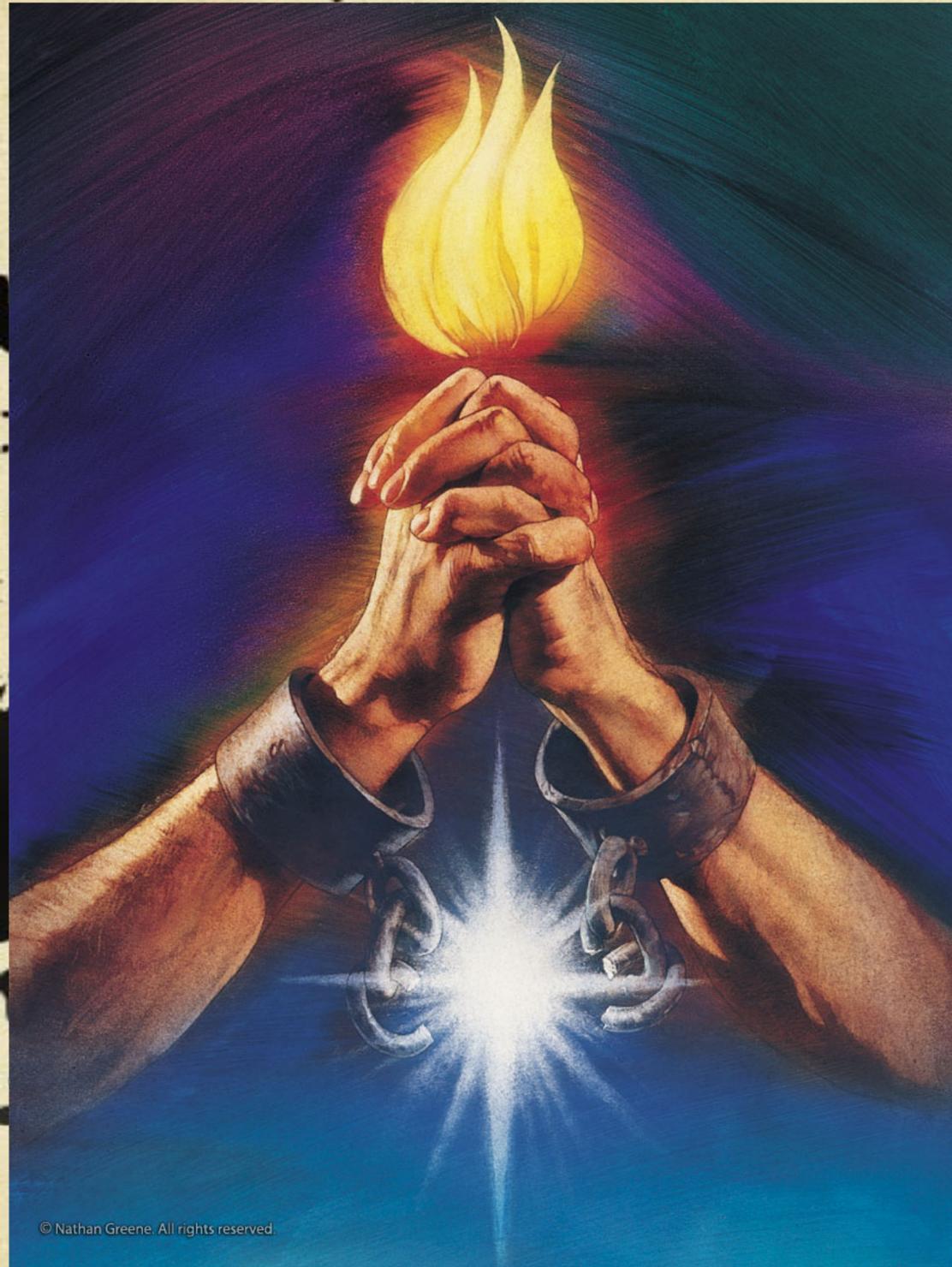
say,

“I have been found by those who did not seek me;

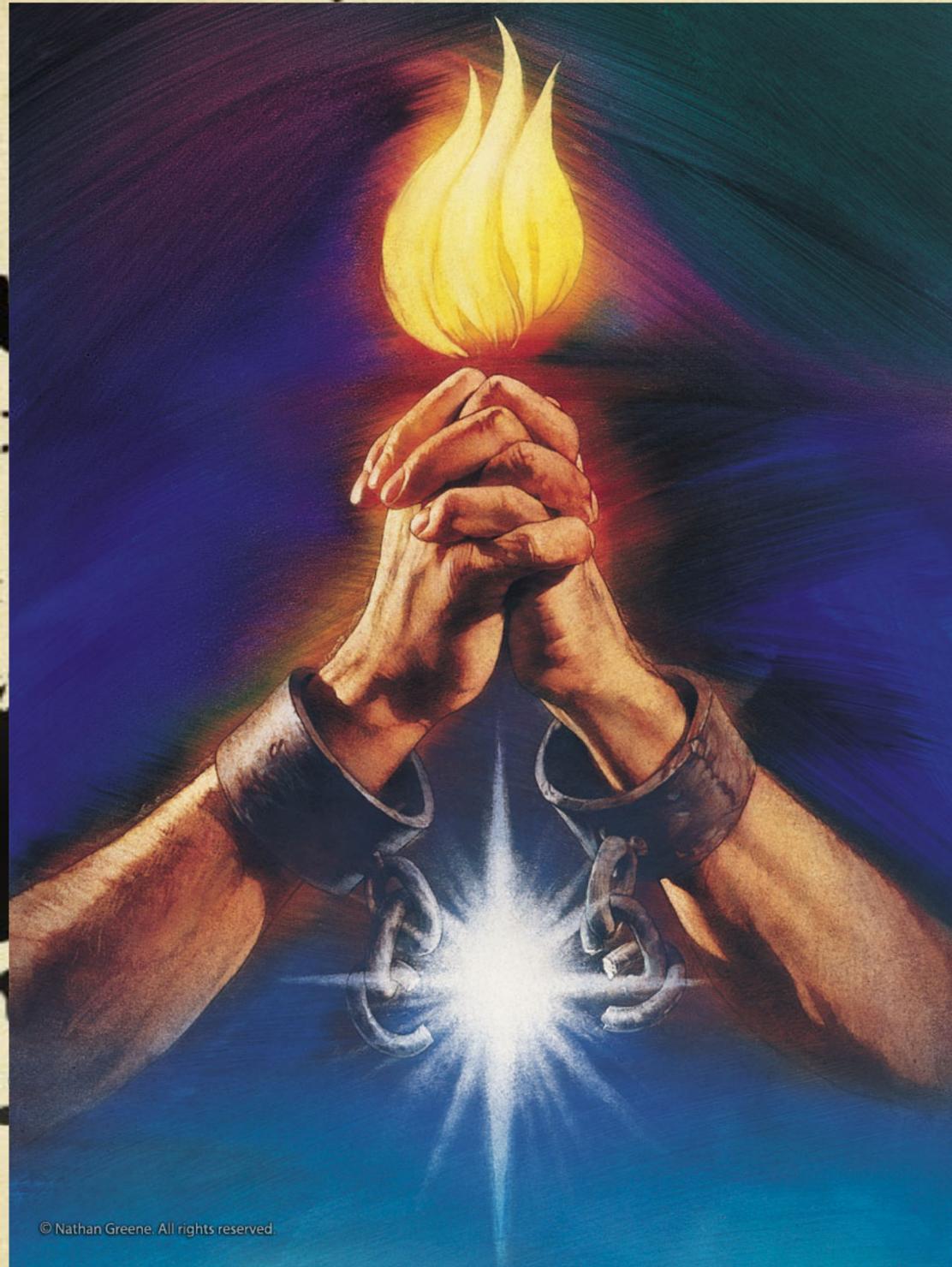
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

Is. 65:1 ¶ I was ready to be sought out by
those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek
me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.



Rom. 10:21 But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."



Rom. 1:16 ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom. 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous will live by faith.”