

Lesson 14 ~ Romans 9:30-10:21

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Romans 9:30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; **31** but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. **32** Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” **33** As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

Romans 10:1 Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. **2** For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. **3** Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. **4** Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

5 Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: “The man who does these things will live by them.” **6** But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) **7** “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). **8** But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: **9** That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **11** As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” **12** For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **15** And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” **6** But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” **17** Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. **18** But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” **19** Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, “I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding.” **20** And Isaiah boldly says, “I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.” **21** But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.”

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Romans 9:30 Well then, what shall we say about these things? Just this: The Gentiles have been made right with God by faith, even though they were not seeking him. **31** But the Jews, who tried so hard to get right with God by keeping the law, never succeeded. **32** Why not? Because they were trying to get right with God by keeping the law and being good instead of by depending on faith. They stumbled over the great rock in their path. **33** God warned them of this in the Scriptures when he said, “I am placing a stone in Jerusalem that causes people to stumble, and a rock that makes them fall. But anyone who believes in him will not be disappointed.”

Romans 10:1 Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is that the Jewish people might be saved. **2** I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. **3** For they don’t understand God’s way of making people right with himself. Instead, they are clinging to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. They won’t go along with God’s way. **4** For Christ has accomplished the whole purpose of the law. All who believe in him are made right with God.

5 For Moses wrote that the law’s way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. **6** But the way of getting right with God through faith says, “You don’t need to go to heaven” (to find Christ and bring him down to help you). **7** And it says, “You don’t need to go to the place of the dead” (to bring Christ back to life again). **8** Salvation that comes from trusting Christ—which is the message we preach—is already within easy reach. In fact, the Scriptures say, “The message is close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.” **9** For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. **11** As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who believes in him will not be disappointed.” **12** Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They all have the same Lord, who generously gives his riches to all who ask for them. **13** For “Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? **15** And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” **16** But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said, “Lord, who has believed our message?” **17** Yet faith comes from listening to this message of good news—the Good News about Christ.

18 But what about the Jews? Have they actually heard the message? Yes, they have: “The message of God’s creation has gone out to everyone, and its words to all the world.”

19 But did the people of Israel really understand? Yes, they did, for even in the time of Moses, God had said, “I will rouse your jealousy by blessing other nations. I will make you angry by blessing the foolish Gentiles.”

20 And later Isaiah spoke boldly for God: “I was found by people who were not looking for me. I showed myself to those who were not asking for me.”

21 But regarding Israel, God said, “All day long I opened my arms to them, but they kept disobeying me and arguing with me.”