



What About Israel? (Part 2)

Romans 9:30–10:21

#13 in a series on Romans

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Theme: **Israel Illustrates Human Responsibility In Salvation.**

Missing Salvation.

1. They pursued a righteousness based on their distorted view of truth rather than God's clear truth. (10:2-3, 5; cf. Matthew 15:8; 19:16-22; Galatians 1:14)
2. They built a righteousness by their works rather than receiving God's righteousness by faith. (9:32; 10:3; cf. 3:20, 28; 1 John 2:3, 5; 3:2, 14, 19-20, 24; 4:13; 5:13)
3. They stumbled over the stumbling stone Who is in full, plain view rather than building on Him, Who is the cornerstone. (9:31-33; cf. Isaiah 8:14-15; 28:16; 1 Peter 2:4-8)

Receiving Salvation.

1. God's process for reaching people. (10:13-17, 21; cf. 1:16-17)
2. God's message for salvation. (10:4, 9, 12-13)
3. Our response for receiving salvation. (9:30, 32; 10:8-10)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Most of the Jewish people rejected Jesus. They did not see Him as their Messiah. They did not see God's promised salvation in Him. Their view of the truth was distorted (10:2-3). They developed a view and practice of righteousness through works (9:32). This is not new this information to most of us. Why do you think this happened, from their perspective? What lessons are there for us in this tragedy?

Tuesday. Read 9:32-33. Then check Isaiah 8:14-15, 28:16 and 1 Peter 3:4-8. Jesus Christ is the choice and precious living stone, the tested and costly cornerstone, the rejected stone and the stumbling stone. Briefly summarize what each of these descriptions of Christ means. How and where do you see the reality of this today? Thank God that Christ is your corner stone.

Wednesday. God's process for reaching people with salvation is stated in the familiar summary of 10:13-17. Reflect on how this was played out in your coming to faith in Christ. Where do you fit in this process right now with respect to those who have not yet come to faith? Remember the "preacher" here refers to a herald, a commissioned messenger. Every believer is to be a herald of the good news of Jesus Christ. How are you doing as Christ's herald to your family, neighbors, friends and community?

Thursday. God's righteousness is received by faith (9:30; 10:9-10), specifically faith in Jesus Christ. Christ has fulfilled the Law and because He has, the requirement of the Law is fulfilled in every believer (see 8:3-4). Thank God that He chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:4) and called you, drew you to place your faith in Him.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to move on to the third and last part of the question "What about Israel?" with 11:1-36. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.

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