

Receiving Versus Rejecting Righteousness **Romans 9:30-10:4**

The focus of 9:1-29 had been God's sovereignty (electing people), whereas 9:30-10:4 will focus on human responsibility (choosing works versus faith in Christ). Of course, not trust in God has been Israel's problem before!

Look who finds righteousness—it's the Gentiles and not Israel. 9:30,31

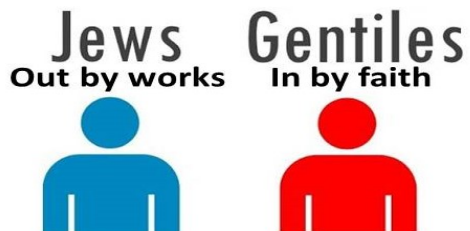
- Quotes from Isaiah bookend this passage (9:30-33/10:20,21) to further stress Gentile responsiveness vs. Israel's rejection of God's righteousness.
- Ironically we Gentiles weren't trying to get right with God yet did, while the Jews were trying yet didn't! Why so? You've got to take the right path!

Israel's problem = trusting in their righteous works, not faith. 9:32,33

- Works of the Law are good (7:7) but only faith saves a person, 3:28.
- Distrust in God is foreshadowed in Isa. 8:14, 28:16, where trust is put in schemes/alliances. See Matt. 21:42-44, I Pt. 2:4-8, which adds Ps. 118:22.

Israel's problem ≠ zeal, but ignorance of God's righteousness. 10:1-4

- Note Paul's repeated concern/conviction for Israel in 9:2,3, 10:1, 11:2.
How should Paul's attitude towards his lost countrymen affect us?
- Israel's problem: their zeal doesn't match their knowledge. Note how being zealous to do good works can be so deceptive—to doers and us.
- Israel willfully rejected God's imparted righteousness through Christ for their own righteous efforts, which is what people will commonly do.
- What should have been recognized is that though the Law is still helpful (II Tim. 3:16), Christ was the end and goal of the Law, Matt. 5:17.



Whose righteousness am I counting on?

If it's Christ's, am I concerned enough to pray for the lost?