

Israel's Predicament **Romans 9:30-10:4**

I. FAILURE: "works without faith" (9:30-33)

A. Saved: "Gentiles attained righteousness" (v.30)

B. Unsaved: "Israel...did not arrive" (vv.31-33)

1. Reliance: "did not pursue it by faith" (vv.31-32a)

2. Rejection: "they stumbled over the stumbling stone" (vv.32b-33)
 - a. Struggle: "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense"

 - b. Success: "he who believes in Him will not be disappointed"

II. FOCUS: "zeal without knowledge" (10:1-4)

A. Devotion: "desire...prayer...for their salvation" (v.1)

1. Affection: "my heart's desire...for them" (v.1a)

2. Appeal: "my prayer to God for them" (v.1b)

B. Desertion: "not knowing...not subject" (vv.2-4)

1. Motivation: "they have a zeal for God" (v.2)
 - a. Positive: "a zeal for God"

 - b. Negative: "not in accordance with knowledge"

2. Mutiny: "they did not subject themselves" (v.3)
 - a. Ignorance: "not knowing about God's righteousness"

 - b. Independence: "seeking to establish their own"

3. Messiah: "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness" (v.4)
 - a. Finish: "Christ is the end of the law"

 - b. Faith: "to everyone who believes"

*Next week: **Read Romans 10:5-13***