

**THE GOSPEL OF GRACE**  
**A Study in the Book of Romans**

**Israel's Unbelief**

**Romans 9:30—10:21**

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13

**Read Romans 9:30—10:21.**

1. Why do you think Paul is spending so much time discussing the fate of Israel? (v. 1)
  
2. A major contrast in this passage is between “a righteousness that is by the law” and “a righteousness that is by faith.”
  - a. How does one strive for righteousness by the law? (vv. 3, 5; Deut. 6:25)
  
  - b. Describe righteousness by faith. (v. 4; Rom. 4:5; Gal. 2:16)
  
  - c. What irony concerning these approaches to righteousness is communicated in verses vv. 30–31?
  
3. What is wrong with the way Israel pursues righteousness? (v. 32)
  
4. Read verse 3 carefully. Why do we tend to prefer a righteousness based on law (or works) rather than a righteousness based on faith?

**Read Romans 9:30—10:4.**

5. How is Jesus described in verses 32–33 and why? (Eph. 2:20–22)
  
6. Look again at verses 31–33. Why is this person (the stone) more of an obstacle to Israel than to the Gentiles?
  
7. Many people think that in the spiritual realm all they need is zeal and sincerity. What do verses 1–4 say about this belief?
  
8. Explain the statement in verse 4: “Christ is the end of the law.” (Matt. 5:17; Gal. 3:23–25)

9. All of us can fall into the trap of setting up laws that we think will make us righteous. What laws do you obey to establish your own righteousness?

Think about ways in which you judge or criticize others. Is it because they are violating some law you have set up for yourself or them?

**Read Romans 10:5–13.**

10. How do Moses' words quoted in verse 5 point to Christ? (Rom. 8:3–4) (📖 Gal. 3:10-14)
11. Verses 6-8 quote Deuteronomy 30:11-14. What do these verses tell you about the accessibility of the gospel?
12. If someone—anyone—wants to be saved, what do they need to do? (vv. 9–13)

Why are both things necessary?

**Read Romans 10:14-21**

13. a. What are the four steps for salvation that Paul outlines in verses 14 and 15?
- b. What are the only two possible responses of the hearer? (vv. 16–17)
- c. As Christians, which of these steps is our responsibility? (Acts 1:8)
14. Skim the quotes in verses 18-21. List the ways in which God offered salvation/gospel to his people Israel over the centuries.

What was their response?