

## Romans

Bible Class 9  
Two Ways of Pursuing  
Righteousness  
Rom 9:30-10:21

## Contrast Fleshly And Spiritual Israel

1. Paul's grief over most Jews being lost  
Rom 9:1-5
2. The children of promise are children of  
God not the children of the flesh Rom  
9:6-13
3. God has mercy on and hardens whom  
He desires Rom 9:14-18
4. God's patience with vessels of wrath and  
vessels of mercy Rom 9:19-29

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## Introduction

- In Romans 9-11, Paul relates the choices that God made to use certain nations and individuals in bringing forth Christ to save both Jews and Gentiles
- While God chose some, including, the nation of Israel, He rejected others
- It is His sovereign right to choose whom He wills to carry out His plan

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## Introduction

- He has chosen to save both Jews and Gentiles, whosoever of them would have faith in Jesus
- In Romans 9:30-10:21, Paul writes of two ways to pursue righteousness only one of which will lead to salvation, faith in Jesus
- Most of the Jews chose to follow their own way of righteousness which led to their condemnation

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## Introduction

- If any are going to be saved, all must submit to God's way of making men right in His gospel through faith in Jesus
- God is not going to change His plan of salvation because of man's stubbornness in pursuing his own way of righteousness
- Therefore, we must beware, lest we seek to establish our own way to God and reject His gospel plan of salvation

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## Two Ways of Pursuing Righteousness

1. Why the Jews failed to attain  
righteousness Rom 9:30-10:4
2. Righteousness by faith in Jesus Rom  
10:5-13
3. Israel rejected the gospel while the  
Gentiles accepted it Rom 10:14-21

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## Why the Jews failed to attain righteousness

- The Gentiles, who had been outside of God's covenant with Israel, were being accepted by God, made righteous, through their faith in Jesus, God's only means to save Jews and Gentiles
- The Jews failed to be righteous because they sought to perfectly keep the Law of Moses and rejected forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus

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## Why the Jews failed to attain righteousness

- To fail in keeping the Law at any point brings condemnation not justification
- Continuing in their zealous ignorant man-made righteousness, they would be lost
- We too must watch so we do not try to create and maintain our own system of righteousness which is doomed to fail
- The Law had always pointed to Jesus as God's means of saving humanity from sin

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The Gentiles attained righteousness by faith obeying the gospel from the heart

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith;

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1. Rom 1:16-17
2. Rom 6:17-18, 3-7

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Beware of obeying the gospel outwardly but not from the heart

1. Mar 7:5-13

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The Jews rejected Christ's mercy seeking righteousness by perfect law keeping

Rom 9:31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.  
Rom 9:32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,

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Rom 9:33 just as it is written, "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

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1. Rom 3:19-20, 23-28
2. Act 13:32-39
3. Isa 28:16, 8:14-15
4. Act 4:7-12
5. 1Pe 2:4-8

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The Jews were lost because they rejected Christ establishing their own righteousness

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

Rom 10:2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

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Rom 10:3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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1. Gal 1:11-14
2. Php 3:4-6
3. Joh 8:21-24
4. Act 3:19-26

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Examples of righteousness guided by zeal without knowledge

1. The sinner's prayer
2. Infant baptism and attachment to divinely approved institution
3. Direct operation of the Holy Spirit bringing salvation experience that is better felt than told

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Beware of also practicing righteousness that has knowledge but no zeal

1. 2Co 9:1-7
2. Rev 3:14-22

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## Righteousness by faith in Jesus

- Again, to be righteous under the Law of Moses necessitated flawless obedience which none had attained
- The word of faith, the gospel message about Jesus, is attainable for all to hear, believe and obey
- Even what Moses taught the people near his death was not too difficult for them to believe and obey, how much more then the gospel of Christ?

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## Righteousness by faith in Jesus

- The gospel must be believed from the heart leading to confessing Jesus as Lord
- He has died for our sins, was raised from the dead, ascended to and exalted in heaven as Lord of all
- By His resurrection, He was also confirmed to be the Son of God, Divine, equal in nature with the Father and Holy Spirit

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## Righteousness by faith in Jesus

- Many use Rom 10:9-10 to prove we are saved by faith and the sinner's prayer
- But, confessing Him as Lord and the Son of God means we willingly submit to His authority in all things including repenting of our sins and being baptized for forgiveness of sins to become a Christian
- The one who confesses Jesus as Lord, the Son of God, will submit to all conditions of salvation and all involved in living the Christian life

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## Righteousness by faith in Jesus

- We are saved by calling on Jesus' name, submitting to His authority as is revealed in Rom 10:13
- This included believing in Jesus, repentance, confessing Him as Lord, the Son of God and baptism for forgiveness of sins

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The Law of Moses required flawless obedience which none had attained

Rom 10:5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.

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1. Lev 18:5
2. Gal 3:10-16

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The righteousness by faith in Jesus is attainable to all

Rom 10:6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), Rom 10:7 or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."

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The righteousness by faith in Jesus is attainable to all

Rom 10:8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"--that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

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The righteousness by faith in Jesus is attainable to all

1. Deu 30:9-20
2. Joh 12:32-34
3. Joh 20:24-31

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Confessing Jesus as Lord, the Son of God believing it in our hearts to be saved

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Rom 10:10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

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1. Mat 16:15-21
2. Joh 5:16-18, 10:30
3. Rom 1:3-4
4. Act 2:36-38
5. Act 8:32-39

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Calling on the name of the Lord means submitting to His authority in all things

Rom 10:11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

Rom 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

Rom 10:13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

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Calling on the name of the Lord means submitting to His authority in all things

1. Isa 28:16
2. Rom 3:22-26
3. Mat 7:21-23
4. Luk 6:46-49
5. Joe 2:32
6. Act 2:21-24, 36-38
7. Act 22:16
8. 1Pe 3:21-22

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### Israel rejected the gospel while the Gentiles accepted it

- For the most part, the Jews rejected the gospel, even demanding or agreeing with Jesus' crucifixion
- But, the gospel was received, believed and obeyed by many Gentiles, those who were rejected by the Jews
- For people to obey the gospel, they must hear the word of Christ, which produces faith, preached by those whom God sent

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### Israel rejected the gospel while the Gentiles accepted it

- But, as was prophesied by Isaiah, for the most part, the Jews would reject the gospel, following their own righteousness
- God would use the Gentiles, whom He would seek, to make the Jews jealous in hopes they would turn and be saved by Jesus

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### The gospel, the word of Christ, must be heard, believed and obeyed

Rom 10:14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

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Rom 10:16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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1. Isa 52:7 53:1
2. Heb 4:1-2
3. 1Co 1:21-25
4. Mat 28:18-20
5. Mar 16:15-16
6. Luk 24:44-49
7. Act 1:1-8
8. Joh 20:30-31

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God was accepted by those who did not seek Him but rejected by His own people

Rom 10:18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have; "THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD."

Rom 10:19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, "I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."

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Rom 10:20 And Isaiah is very bold and says, "I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME."

Rom 10:21 But as for Israel He says, "ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."

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1. Psa 19:4
2. Col 1:5-6, 21-23
3. Deu 32:21
4. Act 13:44-52
5. Isa 65:1-2
6. Mat 23:33-39

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