



## **Righteousness by Faith**

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Text: Romans 9:30 – 10:4

*For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.. – 2 Corinthians 5:21*

*Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.  
– Romans 10:1*

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

**Introduction:** *From defending God's sovereignty to pointing out human responsibility.*

1. **Attaining instead of Reaching:** *Two ways of seeking righteousness.*
2. **Resting instead of Stumbling:** *Encountering Christ on the road.*
3. **Praying instead of Condemning:** *A desire for others to be saved.*
4. **Jesus Christ:** *The end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

Study and Discussion Questions October 10 - 24 (3 weeks) Zeal

**Open It**

1. \*When have you known someone who refused to listen to any advice or instruction?
2. How carefully do you follow the instruction sheet in a ready-to-assemble product?

**Explore It**

3. By what means have the Gentiles (non-Jews) obtained righteousness? (9:30)
4. \*What kept Israel from obtaining righteousness? (9:31-32)
5. Over what has Israel stumbled? (9:33)
6. What was Paul's greatest desire? (10:1)
7. What positive trait did Paul recognize in the Israelites? (10:2)
8. What had the Israelites done instead of submitting to God's righteousness? (10:3-4)
9. What is the relationship between Christ and the Law in a person's pursuit of righteousness? (10:4)
10. How did Moses describe righteousness that comes by the Law? (10:5)
11. How does righteousness produced by faith come about? (10:6-9)
12. What were the simple instructions Paul gave regarding personal salvation? (10:9-10)
13. What promise is given to anyone who puts his or her faith in Christ? (10:11)
14. \*What distinctions did Paul note in the way that Jews and Gentiles obtain their salvation? (10:12-13)
15. What does it take to get the message of God to someone? (10:14-15) 8
16. How have the Israelites responded to hearing the message of God? (10:16-18)
17. \*How did Paul answer the argument that the Jews have not had adequate opportunity to hear God's message? (10:18-21)
18. How had the response of the Gentiles to the message of God differed from the response of the Jews? (10:18-21)

**Get It**

19. What makes it hard for Jews to believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah?
20. What hinders non-Jews from believing Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior of the world?
21. \*How can a person have great zeal for God or religious activities and yet be misguided?
22. What are the similarities and differences between a sports fanatic and a committed Christian?
23. How legitimate are claims by people who profess ignorance about Jesus' identity as Savior?
24. \*What groups of people in our society resemble the unbelieving Jews of Paul's time?
25. Why is it essential to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead?
26. Why is both believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth important for salvation?

**Apply It**

27. \*When could you spend extended time in prayer to bring before God those groups or peoples who have shown little interest in the gospel?
28. Who in your circle of friends and family needs to hear about God's plan of salvation? When?