

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS BY FAITH!

Romans 9:30-10:21

INTRODUCTION

If Israel, who had a covenant, promises, ..., is rejected;
Then how can anyone say that the Christian is secure?

9:1-29

*Principle of election
(God's choice)*

Divine sovereignty

9:30-10:21

*Principle of free will
(Human choice)*

Human responsibility

Answer: Our failings do not annul the promises of God
because God's promises are sovereignly granted. 9:1-29

*Because He is sovereign, when God has a purpose that He
promises to do, He keeps His promise.*

Answer: Our failings do not annul the promises of God
because the righteousness of God is by faith, not works.
9:30-10:21

*God has accomplished His purpose and kept His promises
because Israel's (present) tragic rejection of the righteousness of
God and the granting of righteousness (justification) to Jew or
Gentile is not determined by works of the law, but by faith.*

A. Israel, by misinformed zeal, pursued self-righteousness
rather than *the righteousness of God*, which is by faith.
9:30-10:4

1. Israel's stumbling. 9:30-33
(see Isaiah 8:14, 28:16)
2. Paul's concern. 10:1
3. Israel's zeal. 10:2-4

B. The Scriptures of Israel demonstrate that *the righteousness of God* (which leads to salvation) is by faith for Jew or Gentile. 10:5-13

1. Righteousness by the law requires a life lived totally by the law. 10:5 (see Lev. 18:5)
2. The righteousness of God is found by faith, nothing else, 10:6-8 (see Deut. 9:43, 30:12, 30:13, 30:14)
3. The righteousness of God by faith results in salvation for all who believe, Jew or Gentile. 10:9-13 (see Isaiah 28:16, Joel 2:32)

C. The message of *the righteousness of God* has been proclaimed to and heard by Israel, which has rejected it. 10:14-21

1. The gospel message must be heard in order to believe. 10:14-15 (see Isaiah 52:7, Nahum 1:15)
2. Although Israel has heard the gospel message, not all have believed. 10:16-21
 - a. All of Israel did not believe Isaiah's message. 10:16 (see Isaiah 53:1)
 - b. Faith arises in response to hearing the message of Christ. 10:17
 - c. Yet, Israel has heard. 10:18 (see Psalm 19:4)
 - d. And even the Gentiles could understand the message Israel heard. 10:19-20 (see Deut. 32:21b, Isaiah 65:1)
 - e. And God continually wooed a disobedient Israel. 10:21 (see Isaiah 65:2)

CONCLUSION