

DON'T MISS JESUS
ROMANS 9:30-10:4
8/10/25

I. PROBLEM

Romans 9:30-33 – “What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³²Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

A. Context – Jewish and Gentile tension in Rome

B. Pursued righteousness differently

1. Gentiles did not pursue and attained it (v.30)
2. Israel pursued and did not attain (v.31)

C. Why didn't Israel attain righteousness? (v.32-33)

1. The way they pursued it was wrong
 - Not by faith but by works
2. Their pursuit made them stumble over Christ
 - What we do with Jesus matters

II. PRAYER

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

A. Paul prays Gospel prayers for them

- Salvation is predestined (Ch.9) but that doesn't stop Paul praying

III. PROGNOSIS

Romans 10:2-4 – “For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

A. They have...zeal without knowledge

- This is motivated by pride

B. They miss...the purpose of the law = Jesus

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing from the message this week that stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think it was easy for the Jews to pursue righteousness through works? How can we easily fall into this pursuit as well?
3. What does this passage teach us about the importance of Jesus Christ to our faith?
4. Read Galatians 2:21 as a group. What are some “laws” man has created to pursue righteousness? How does this affect the person and work of Jesus Christ?
5. Why is zeal without knowledge of true righteousness be a dangerous thing? What might that look like in the church today?
6. Paul prays Gospel prayers over the Jewish people...this communicates his heart for the Gospel. Who is one person that you can share with the group who you are praying Gospel prayers for? Spend some time as a group praying for these people.
7. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you want to live out? How can the group assist you in doing that?