

**ROMANS**  
**Our Message to the World**  
AMEN Bible Study 2015-2016

**Israel Failed**

Romans 9:30-10:21

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**I. Israel failed in their definition of righteousness.**

9:30-33 A. Righteousness by faith vs. a law leading to righteousness.

:30-31

1. Contrast with the Gentiles.

*<sup>30</sup>What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.*

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2. Christ is the stumbling block.

*<sup>32</sup>Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup>as 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."*

10:1-4

B. God's righteousness vs. their own righteousness.

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1. A zeal without knowledge.

*<sup>10</sup>Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.*

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2. Christ is the termination of the Law.

*<sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

**II. Israel failed to see the way to salvation.**

:5-7 A. Attempting to live by the commandments will not get you to Christ.

*<sup>5</sup>For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).*

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B. Christ is already here.

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1. Easily accessible.

*<sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

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2. Equally accessible.

*<sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.*

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3. Universally accessible.

*<sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

### III. Israel failed to listen.

:14-17

#### A. The Gospel message is being proclaimed.

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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#### B. Israel has heard.

<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

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#### C. Israel has understood.

<sup>19</sup> But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." <sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me;

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#### D. God continues to extend grace.

I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." <sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."