

# Tripping Over Trusting Jesus

Romans 9:30 – 10:13

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BIG IDEA—Israel’s exclusive claim on God’s blessing is based on their zealous pursuit of works righteousness. God’s gift of faith righteousness for all is found in Christ, not by keeping the law.

1. Works righteousness is a **dead** end (9:30 – 10:4)
  - a. It was never **enough** (9:30-33)
    - i. Stumbling over Jesus = Messiah (1 Pet. 2:6-8)
    - ii. Believing on Him gives confident assurance
  - b. It was never **complete** (10:1-3)
    - i. Zeal without **knowledge** of Christ
    - ii. Self-righteousness w/out **submitting** to Christ
  - c. It was never the **goal** (10:4)
    - i. Christ is the summation of the law (Gal. 4:24-25)
    - ii. Faith righteousness has **content**
2. **Faith** righteousness leads to eternal life (10:5 – 10:13)
  - a. God’s law demands more than good **intentions** (5)
    - i. Living in **perfect** obedience
    - ii. Loving by a deliberate choice of the **will**
  - b. God’s plan requires faith, not man’s effort (6-7)
    - i. God **sent** Christ to earth (incarnation)
    - ii. God **raised** Him from the grave (resurrection)
  - c. The “word of faith” = the will of God revealed (8-11)
    - i. Confession “Jesus is **Lord**”
    - ii. **Content** that God raised Jesus from the dead
    - iii. Confidence “will be saved,” not **judged**
  - d. Jew and Gentile are on equal footing before God (12-13)
    - i. **Lost** (Rom. 3:22-23)
    - ii. Needing the same **Lord** and His blessings
    - iii. Must **call** on the Lord to be saved (Acts 2:21)

## Life Group Homework

This is Memorial Day weekend. Does anyone in your group have a relative or friend who died in military service to our country? Invite them to share the story.

1. Read Romans 9:32. What was the reason that Israelites failed to gain righteousness before God?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:6-8. Israel rejected Jesus as their Messiah. Do you know people who reject Jesus? What are some reasons?
3. Read Romans 10:1. Paul says that his heart’s desire and prayer is for his fellow Israelites to be saved. What role do your prayers have in someone else’s salvation?
4. What is the difference between having faith in faith (“I believe, I believe, I believe, etc.”) and having faith in Christ and what the Bible teaches about His eternity, life, death, resurrection?
5. Write out Romans 10:9-10.

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