

Human Responsibility (Pt. 2)

Romans 9:30—10:21

- I. A Failure to Understand the Clear Purpose of God's Law (9:30-33)
 - A. Many Gentiles Have Gained Righteousness Apart from God's Law (30).
 - B. No Jews Have Gained Righteousness Through the Law (31-33).
 - 1. The Fact (31)
 - 2. The Reasons (32-33)
 - a. They Stumbled Over the Means (32a).
 - b. They Stumbled Over the Messiah (32b-33).

The Messiah is “the Stone”

- OT
 - Ps. 118:22
 - Is. 8:13-15; 28:16
 - Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45
- NT:
 - Jesus: Matt. 21:42-44 (cf. Mk. 12:10-11; Lk. 20:17-18)
 - The Apostles' sermons: Acts 4:10-12
 - Paul's letters: 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20
 - Peter's letter: 1 Pet. 2:4-8 (includes Is. 8, 28, and Ps. 118)

The Implications

1. Many still stumble over and are offended by Jesus Christ.
2. Nothing in life or death is more important than your response to Jesus Christ.
3. There are only two possible responses to Jesus.
 - Believe in Him (33).
 - Reject Him, either in antagonism or apathy (33; cf. Matt. 21:42-44).
4. True faith in Jesus Christ means He has become the cornerstone of your life!
5. No one who believes in Jesus will be disappointed, dishonored or shamed at the judgment!