

Why Religious People Won't Be Saved

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Text: Romans 9:30-10:4

Introduction:

BIG IDEA: Religious people always stumble over Jesus Christ and miss His _____.

1. Religious people are often _____ about their true condition (9:30-33, 10:2)

- **WHAT'S THE ISSUE?**
- The Gentiles were not pursuing righteousness, yet they found it by _____.
- The Jews were pursuing righteousness with _____, but not according to knowledge and they didn't find it.

2. Religious people can never be _____ enough and are need of being _____ (10:1)

- Paul expresses his great desire and _____ for his people, the Jews, to be saved.
- Doctrine of SALAVATION:
 - Saved means _____ & _____
 - "The deliverance, by the grace of God, from eternal punishment (Romans 5:9,6:23 1 Thessalonians 5:9) for sin that is granted to those who accept by faith God's conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus."
- Salvation is available through Jesus alone:
 - John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
 - Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

3. Religious people think they don't need _____ (10:3-4)

- Core problem for the Jews: they didn't seek the righteousness that comes from God, they sought to establish their own.
- They didn't understand that Christ is the end (completion or fulfillment) of the law (the Old Testament points to him)
- *Tetelestai* – IT IS _____ John 19:30

Truth into Action

1. It's possible to know a lot of the Bible and trip over Jesus and miss being saved from God's wrath. **PLACE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS ALONE FOR YOUR SALVATION**
2. Paul prayed for lost people to be saved. **LOOK AROUND AND PRAY FOR THE UNBELIVING TO BE SAVED.**

Connect Card:

- How are you in need of being saved?
- How can we pray for you?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What have you rejected in your life that you should not have, such as a stock tip, a car deal, a job offer?

1. What is the 'stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall' that Isaiah anticipated and Paul quotes? (See Isaiah 8:13-14)
2. Why would God's mercy endure forever?
3. Why did the Jews reject Christ? If you were a Jew in the 1st century, how would you react to the Gospel? (Be honest and keep in mind that the Law is all you would have known and been taught, and your family for numerous generations have been faithful Jews.)
4. What is self-righteousness? Can you give an example of others self-righteousness impacting you and how it affected the events in your life? Read 1 Pet. 2:4-8.
5. What can you do to guard against self-righteousness? Why would some people today try to earn their way to Heaven instead of accepting the Gospel of Christ? Read Phil. 3:1-11. How is pride one of the biggest barriers for us to hurdle?
6. Read the following Bible verses and discuss them: 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5; John 3:17; Romans 5:10; Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 2:5, 8; Acts 4:12

Closing prayer: Protect my heart and soul from a smug self-righteous spirit. Lord please guard my life from pride by helping me walk in steps of humility. In Jesus sweet name I pray. Amen!