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**Romans 9:30-10:13: The One Who Trusts In Him Will  
Never Be Put To Shame  
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Building Stones...





## **Romans 9:30-33**

The Gentiles are putting their faith in Christ and obtaining righteousness.

The Jews are trying to do the works of the law and not obtaining righteousness.

...and this has become the stone they are stumbling over...

### **God Himself is the Stone that causes people to stumble**

*He (The Lord Almighty) will be a holy place;  
for both Israel and Judah he will be  
a stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.*

*And for the people of Jerusalem he will be  
a trap and a snare. (Isaiah 8:14)*

### **Yet, God is also setting this Stone in Zion (He is God and is sent by God)**

*So, this is what the Sovereign LORD says:  
“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation;  
the one who relies on it  
will never be stricken with panic.” (Isaiah 28:16)*

### **This Stone will be rejected but this Stone is really important**

*The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118:22-23)*

## **Peter tells us what we do with the Stone is very important**

*“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture, it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.”*

*(1 Peter 2:4–8)*

## **Why do people stumble over the Stone? Why do they reject the Stone?**

1. Sounds like a “crutch” ... I don’t need help.
2. Sounds foolish... God sending His Son to redeem.
3. Sounds offensive... I don’t need saving. I’m a good person.
4. Question the deity of Jesus... Jesus is God.
5. Poor homeless guy rides in on a donkey... The humanity/humility of Jesus.
6. I need to work for my salvation... Rather than receive it by grace through faith.
7. I don’t like a God I’m accountable to... He is the Lord of Lords and He has made a way.

*If you will not have Jesus Christ, he will become a stumbling stone to you that will cause you to fall spiritually. That fall will mean your eternal destruction. But if you trust in him, you will find him to be the foundation stone that God has himself established, and you will learn, as you live the Christian life, that “the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.*

*(James Montgomery Boice)*

## **Romans 10:1-4**

Zeal not based on knowledge...

*“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)*

## **Romans 10:5-8**

Salvation is close...

*“Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.” (Deuteronomy 30:11–14)*

## **Romans 10:9-13**

*“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”  
(Romans 10:9–10)*