

DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE

Romans 9 and 10
(Pew Bible: Page 801-802)

❖ Mistake #1: TRUSTING in the wrong things. (Romans 9:6-14)

It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger."¹³Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all!

Romans 9:6-14 (NIV)

- Instead, TRUST in the LORD. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

❖ Mistake #2: THINKING the wrong things. (Romans 9:30-33)

What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³²Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

Romans 9:30-33 (NIV)

- Instead, THINK about these things. (Colossians 3:1-3)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

❖ Mistake #3: PURSUIING on the wrong things. (Romans 10:1-4)

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 10:1-4 (NIV)

- Instead, SEEK God FIRST. (Matthew 6:32-33)

"For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:32-33 (NIV)