



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Aloha!** Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know us better, please visit the welcome table at the back.

**Nursery and Kids' Church** are available. Parents, please sign-in your children at the nursery.

**Thank you** to all those who helped pull weeds and provided landscaping help yesterday.

Join us in welcoming **Bruce and Margie** as they come to Kona for a visit on Sept 1 between 4 pm and sunset. Bring a dish to share.

Please **stack the chairs** after service.

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
  - Giving box on Sundays
  - Mail a check to the church
- Giving Snapshot Jan - July)**
- Budgeted giving \$198,333
  - Actual giving \$186, 333

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**Romans 9:30-10:21**

**Context:** Paul begins with a **LAMENT** expressing his great sorrow and willingness to be accursed for the sake of his brethren Israel who have been blessed with unique spiritual privileges (9:1-5).

**Big Idea:** Israel's present unbelief and alleged rejection by God seem to undercut both the power of the gospel and the faithfulness of God (9:6-11:32).

Paul responds by addressing 4 major issues/questions...

- **ISSUE/QUESTION #2:** But why are so many Gentiles attaining righteousness now, yet so few Jews? (9:30-10:21)

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## GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### Overview of the book of Romans:

- **Chapters 1-4** — how the righteous God legally declares we who are unmistakably unrighteous righteous (justification by faith – how does that happen?)
- **Chapters 5-8** — how the righteous God gives hope and unshakable confidence in any circumstance to all He has declared righteous through faith.
- **Chapters 9-11** — how the righteous God has planned for the Jews (and for the Gentiles – he’s been making this distinction, as he’s writing to a congregation that has Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians mixed).
- **Chapters 12-16** — how the righteous God empowers all those He has declared righteous through faith to express their unique relationship with Him in and through their daily lives.

### Israel’s Unbelief — A Message of Salvation to All (Romans 9:30–10:21)

1. Do Jews and Gentiles attain righteousness in different ways? Explain.
2. What are the “points of stumbling” over the issue of righteousness for us today? In other words, what objections or aversions do we all naturally have that make salvation by faith hard to understand?
3. Paul’s broken heart and love for his Jewish brothers and sisters is once again evident in Romans 10:1. But because he loves them, he must be honest with and about them. They have much passion, but this zeal is not according to knowledge. How does Paul explain in Romans 10:3 what kind of “knowledge” he is referring to in Romans 10:2?
4. If you recall it, describe your moment of conversion. What circumstances led to your salvation, and how was the gospel preached?
5. What does Paul mean by the phrase “obeyed the gospel” (Romans 10:16)? God is not passive. Though he does delight to respond to the pleas of his people, he does not sit back and wait to be summoned. He is active, ruling, and engaged in this world. Reflect on Romans 10:20. What are some other biblical examples you can think of that show God revealing himself to people who were not seeking him at all? What examples of God’s own initiative do you see in your own life?