

Sermon Notes  
August 31, 2025  
Romans 9:30-33  
“Finding Righteousness”

*Other Bible References: Isaiah 8:13-15, 28:15-18, Psalm 118:22, 1 Peter 2:4-5*

1. Are you **worshipping the idol** of self-righteousness?



**Romans 9:30-33**

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30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”



## Isaiah 8:13-15

13 But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”



# Isaiah 28:15-18

15Because you have said,  
“We have made a covenant with death,  
and with Sheol we have an agreement,  
when the overwhelming whip passes  
through it will not come to us,  
for we have made lies our refuge,  
and in falsehood we have taken shelter”;



# Isaiah 28:15-18

16 therefore thus says the Lord GOD,  
“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a  
foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:  
‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’



# Isaiah 28:15-18

17 And I will make justice the line,  
and righteousness the plumb line;  
and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,  
and waters will overwhelm the shelter.”



# Isaiah 28:15-18

18 Then your covenant  
with death will be annulled,  
and your agreement with Sheol will not stand;  
when the overwhelming scourge passes through,  
you will be beaten down by it.



# **Psalm 118:22**

**22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**



# 1 Peter 2:4-5

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



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of self-righteousness?