

# ROMANS 9:25-10:4

## RIGHTEOUSNESS RECEIVED, NOT ACHIEVED

*Big Idea: Salvation is received only through faith in Christ, not through human effort or religious zeal.*

### POINTS

#### 1. GOD'S MERCY CALLS A PEOPLE *(Romans 9:25-29)*

Key Truth: No one becomes part of God's family by birth, background, or behavior, only by His mercy.

- This humbles the proud. ("I deserve this")
- This gives hope to the outsider. ("I could never belong")

#### 2. MAN'S EFFORT MISSES RIGHTEOUSNESS *(Romans 9:30-33)*

Key Truth: You can be very religious and still be very lost.

- Shocking reversal:
  - Gentiles (who weren't looking) found righteousness.
  - Israel (who were pursuing it) missed it.
- Why?
  - The Gentiles received righteousness by faith.
  - Israel pursued righteousness by works.

#### 3. RELIGIOUS ZEAL FALLS SHORT *(Romans 10:1-3)*

Key Truth: Sincerity does not equal salvation.

- Israel had:
  - Passion, sincerity, effort, but they lacked truth.
  - The issue is not effort, it's surrender.

#### 4. CHRIST ALONE PROVIDES RIGHTEOUSNESS *(Romans 10:4)*

Key Truth: Jesus didn't come to help you achieve righteousness; He came to be your righteousness.

- Jesus fulfilled the Law perfectly.
- Jesus finished the work completely.

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## QUESTIONS

### OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

- What Old Testament passages does Paul quote in Romans 9:25-29, and what do they teach about God's people?
- What contrast does Paul make between Gentiles and Israel in Romans 9:30-31?
- According to Romans 10:1-3, what was Israel's fundamental problem?

### INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean that righteousness comes "by faith" instead of "by works"?
- Why is Jesus called a "stumbling stone" in Romans 9:32-33?
- What does Paul mean when he says Christ is the "end of the law"? (Romans 10:4)

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- In what ways do people try to establish their own righteousness?
- Why is it possible to be sincere and still be wrong spiritually?
- What are some modern examples of "zeal without knowledge"?
- Where are you tempted to trust your performance instead of Christ?

*Closing Thought: You can spend your whole life trying to be good enough for God, or you can trust the One who already was.*