

LESSON 20: ROMANS 9:14-29

Zeal Is Not Enough!

1. What is righteousness as defined by Paul, as defined by the Jews (vv. 30-33)? What was wrong with the way the Jews pursued righteousness? How did David (Psalm 32,34), Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8, 8:11-20), and Micah (Micah 6:6-8) pursue the Law by faith instead of by works?
2. Who is the stone the Jews stumbled over? Why did they stumble over him? How do you escape from stumbling over this stone?
3. What was wrong about the Jews' zeal for God (10:1-2)? What is required of us when we submit to God's righteousness (10:3)? How is Jesus Christ the end of the Law (10:4)?

The Word of Faith

1. Why would a person seek righteousness based upon works rather than righteousness based upon faith?
2. In the context of vv. 5-13, what does it mean to call upon the name of the Lord?
3. Why is both believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth important (vv. 9-10)?
4. What is so critical about confessing that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead?
5. Why can't the Jews excuse themselves by making the claims in verses 14-15?

6. What do verse 14 and 15 say about the role of the Christian today? How do you carry out the commission (Acts 1:8) in your own life?

7. What warnings did God give the Jews through Moses and Isaiah?

8. What do God's warnings reveal about the faith of the Gentiles and rejection by the Jews?

9. What picture of Israel is revealed in 10:14-21?