

Romans

Israel's Unbelief ([Romans 9:30-10:4](#))

Read: Israel's Unbelief (9:30-10:4)

Explain: Israel's Unbelief (9:30-10:4)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

30 What shall we say [future active indicative], **then? That Gentiles who did not pursue** [present active participle; pursue, persecute, ensue after, given to, press toward] **righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness] **have attained it** [second aorist active indicative], **that is, a righteousness that is by faith** [persuasion, credence, moral conviction, reliance upon, constancy in profession, truth itself, assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity]; **31 but that Israel who pursued** [present active participle; pursue, persecute, ensue after, given to, press toward] **a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed** [aorist active indicative] **in reaching** [already attain, come, prevent] **that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works** [works, toils, effort, occupation, act, doing, labor]. [[Isaiah 8:14](#)] **They have stumbled over** [aorist active indicative; strike at, surge against, stub on, trip up, beat upon, dash, stumble at] **the stumbling** [stub, occasion of apostasy, offence, stumbling block, stumbling stone] **stone, 33 as it is written** [perfect middle indicative], [[Isaiah 28:16](#)]

"Behold [second aorist active imperative; behold, lo, see], **I am laying** [present active indicative] **in Zion** [a hill of Jerusalem] **a stone of stumbling** [stub, occasion of apostasy, offence, stumbling block, stumbling stone], **and a rock** [*petra*; rock] **of offense** [*skandalon*; snare, occasion to fall, offence, thing that offends, stumbling-block]; **and whoever believes** [present active participle; have faith in, credit, entrust, believe, commit to, put in trust with] **in him will not be put to shame** [future middle indicative; shame down, disgrace, put to the blush, confound, dishonor]."

1 Brothers [*adelphos*; brothers], **my heart's desire** [satisfaction, delight, kindness, wish, purpose, desire, good pleasure] **and prayer** [petition, prayer, request, supplication] **to God for them is that they may be saved** [*soteria*; rescue, safety; deliver, health, salvation, save, saving]. **2 For I bear them witness** [present active indicative; *martyreo*; to be a witness, to testify, to charge, to give evidence, to bear record, to give a good/honest report, to give testimony, to witness] **that they have a zeal** [present active

indicative; *zelos*; heat, emulation, envy, fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal] **for God, but not according to knowledge** [recognition, full discernment, acknowledgement, knowledge]. **3 For, being ignorant** [present active participle; not to know, ignore, be ignorant, not understand, unknown] **of the righteousness of God, and seeking** [present active participle; seek, worship, plot, desire, endeavor, enquire, require, seek after] **to establish** [aorist active infinitive; stand, abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set up, stanch] **their own, they did not submit** [*hypotasso*; second aorist passive (Robertson) indicative; subordinate, obey, be under obedience, put under, subdue under, make subject, put in subjection to, submit self to] **to God's righteousness.** **4 For Christ is the end** [limit, conclusion, result] **of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes** [present active participle; have faith in, credit, entrust, believe, commit to, put in trust with].

Are there any repeated words?

What are some observations of the text?

4 Mounce: The approach that says righteousness can be earned fails to grasp the enormity of sin. So . . . what do we conclude? **Hughes:** The answer is: It is all faith.

Apply (What is the point?)

1. It's easy to _____
2. Law that doesn't _____ at Jesus is lethal
3. _____ is alive while man is alive

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Fix our eyes on _____
2. Filter the Law through salvation by faith _____
3. Never stop _____ for the unsaved

Next week: The Message of Salvation to All (10:5-21) (1/2)

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: **Romans** (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read (**Romans**)
- Talk (about **Romans**—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com by Wed)