

Sermon Growth Guide

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Christ Is For Everyone | Romans 9:30-10:7

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Key Verse: Romans 10:4 “Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”

Big Idea: Now Christ is for everyone. Now God’s grace is for everyone.



Foundations

This week we continue in Romans, in our theme of The People of God. Paul explains how the Gentiles have obtained salvation. This follows a lengthy passage that lays out more of who God’s children are – and what it means to be a child of the Promise, verses only being a descendant of Abraham. Romans 9:8 states “in other words, it is not the natural children who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.” Paul is laying the groundwork here for the righteousness of the Gentiles that he addresses in our passage. Furthermore, Paul talks of God’s sovereignty and reminds us in verse 16 that “it does not, therefore, depend on man’s desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.”

Here, then, we find out the importance of Christ as the fulfillment of the law. He is the ‘stumbling stone.’ Paul addresses the “unfair” argument here – that Gentiles have obtained righteousness by faith in Christ, rather than earning it by their merit and labor, which the Israelites revered. His heart is for the Israelites to be saved, submitting to God’s righteousness.

Understanding God’s Word

Together, read Romans 9:30 – 10:7

Here we read of Christ as the ‘stumbling stone.’ Have you thought of Christ in this way? How does that change your perception of Him? When was the last time that you stumbled upon Christ in the midst of your daily life?

Applying God’s Word

Who do you relate to more in our passage today? Those who are striving to earn righteousness, or those who recognize Christ as our stumbling block? Where is your zeal located?

Witnessing God’s Word

This passage talks about the Gentiles not pursuing righteousness, but obtaining it anyway. How does this strike you? Many of us squirm a bit uncomfortably at the thought of grace.

Who can you share the good news of Christ with? Is there anyone that you can think of who is trying to earn their righteousness? How might their lives change knowing Christ?