

Week 10: Salvation in Christ Romans 9:30-10:15

Note: For this study you'll need to **print out the passage** for your group members

Pray for our mission partners and your time time in the word	
Context	
1. What do you remember of last week's passage? What was the main point?	<i>Prompts if needed</i>
Notice	
Read the Passage as a group	
2. Re-read the passage on your own and mark: Changes of gear /topic, steps of logic Key words or ideas Questions you have	
3. With a partner a. Break the passage into sections b. Agree on a break-down as a group	Suggested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30-10:4 ● 10:5-13 ● 10:14-15
Clarify	
4. For each section discuss a. What stands out? b. What do you think the main point is?	<i>Prompts if needed</i> 9:31-10:4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What did Israel do wrong? What should they have done? ● What do you think the stone is? (see also 1 Cor 1:23)
5. As a group, a. resolve what you think the main point of the passage is.	10:5-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What purpose do the different quotes serve? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read Deut 30:11-18. What kind of attitude is being corrected? ○ What is the role of the heart? ● In 10:9-13 What is required to be saved by faith? How is this different to Israel's attitude in the earlier verses? 10:14-15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What things need to happen for someone to believe? What roles and people might Paul have in mind here?
Respond	
6. What kind of impact do you think this passage is intended to have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How would Paul's readers have heard this passage - both Jews and Gentiles? ● How does it relate to Christians today?
7. What impact do you feel convicted this should have on you personally?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What wrong views of faith or religiosity does this passage correct? ● What part can you take in seeing people hear, believe and be saved?
Pray in response to the passage, then in pairs	

9:30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. 32 Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone.

33 As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

10:1 Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. 2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. 3 Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. 4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

10:5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”