

INTRODUCTION - ROMANS 9:30 - 10:21

If it is not clear enough already, this passage shines a brighter light on the truth of faith-based righteousness over works-based righteousness. Simply put, the righteousness of God comes only by faith. Looked at another way, works-based righteousness (i.e., human agency) does not produce salvation. This section’s importance for Christian doctrine cannot be overstated.

Keep up: complete N.T. Wright, *Romans: 18 Studies for Individuals and Groups*, p. 61-65.

Trust in the Lord Jesus for salvation.

Romans 9:30-10:13 → The process of faith.

Salvation comes by faith in the word of God, thus the process is rather short. Still, however, many reject God’s way in favor of some other process that, ultimately, does not work. To be saved, we must trust God’s process for faith.

- Salvation is accessible to everyone.
- Many will get tripped up on God’s means for providing salvation.
- People are prone to developing other means for salvation that requires work.
- True salvation proceeds from the heart and finds expression in profession.

Romans 10:14-17 → The progress of faith.

Though this section provides a great reason why evangelism should be high on our list of things to do, that really is not the original aim. By way of progression, four rhetorical questions are asked to strengthen the case that salvation comes through faith.

- God sends: _____
- A preacher: _____
- Hear: _____
- Believe: _____
- Call on Jesus: _____

Romans 10:18-21 → The peculiarity of faith.

The issue is not that Israel had not heard. The issue is that disobedience (rebellion) and an adversarial disposition (opposition) kept Israel from accepting God’s word as truth.

- God chooses to bless other nations to provoke Israel to belief.
- God is accessible to persons who are not inclined to seek God.
- God remains patient with the Elect.
