

- Week 14 -

Read 9:30-32

GENTILES	ISRAEL
Pursued righteousness	Pursued a law that could lead to righteousness
Attained righteousness by faith	Did not succeed in reaching (overtaking) the law

Why did this quest for righteousness fail?

Paul quotes Isaiah 28:16 and 8:14, which in turn alludes to a story not in the Bible concerning the construction of the Jerusalem temple.

Read 10:1-4

Remember that faith (noun) and believe (verb) are the same word in Greek. The grammatical unit is 9:30-10:4.

What is the real heart problem of the “Israel” that Paul is dealing with here?

Is this problem limited only to first century Jews? Do we see a similar attitude today? What are examples of these two indictments today?

- Zeal without knowledge.
- Establishing their own righteousness.

Read 10:5-13

We tend to think of belief as a “head” thing. Paul makes it a “heart” thing. Why is this important for his argument?

How does Paul connect “mouth” and “heart” in the process of coming to faith? Why do you think this was so hard for first century Jews to accept?

Read 10:14-21

Paul turns this text around to make it *not* about Christians and Jews. What is Paul’s real purpose in this text? What is he trying to teach his readers about?