

# IX-X

## Jesus Is Lord

### ROMANS 9:30-10:13

<sup>30</sup> What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup> but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup> Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup> as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him  
will not be put to shame.”

### CHAPTER 10

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and

seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.<sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

<sup>5</sup> For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.<sup>6</sup> But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)<sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.<sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

READ | ROMANS 9:30–10:13

### THINK ABOUT

These important verses describe the difference between pursuing a works-righteousness as opposed to trusting Jesus Christ by faith as personal Savior and Lord.

Why did the Jews pursue a works-righteousness? What is the difference between a works-righteousness and the imputed righteousness of Christ which we receive through faith in Him? Think of what we have previously learned on this important subject in our study of Romans.

Paul describes the Messiah as “a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense” (9:33). What did he mean by that?

There is only one way of salvation, as we have “the same Lord who is Lord of all” (10:12).

### APPLY

Have you ever pursued this works-righteousness in the past? Is it possible that even now as a follower of Jesus Christ you are still trying to be accepted by God based on what you do?

How would you explain the pure Gospel of grace to a family member or friend who is trusting in their church traditions or their own righteousness to get into heaven?

We again see Paul’s great desire for his fellow Jews to be saved. His love for the Jews does not prevent him from clearly explaining to them the Gospel of the grace of God. Apply that to your situation.

ASK

What does it mean that “Christ is the end of the law” (10:4). Does that mean that followers of Jesus now live as they like? Review some of the earlier references to the law (Romans 6:14, 7:4, 7:6, 8:4). We often stress the death of Jesus Christ when presenting the Gospel, but why is the resurrection so important?

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The early apostles were bold in their proclamation of the Gospel and were not ashamed (Romans 1:16, 10:11). Why are you sometimes ashamed or at least unwilling to tell others about Jesus?

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What did you learn in these verses about the Gospel, which you must keep in mind when presenting it to others?

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PRAY

*O God, help me more and more to appreciate Your grace and mercy in my salvation. Help me not to think that I have to do things to be accepted by You.*

*Lord, I pray for (name specific members of your family, friends, neighbors, or colleagues). Give me an opportunity to tell them about Jesus. Help me to make sure I am communicating Your message and not my own ideas. May I never be ashamed of the Gospel. Give me strength and boldness!*

## PHILIPPIANS 3:8–10

“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.”



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“Sovereign Grace O’er Sin Abounding” — *John Kent*

