

Right With God

Romans 10:4-13

The tragic mistake of Israel (9:30-10:3)

Israel rejected God's plan of "righteousness that is by faith."

Israel tried to gain righteousness "by works."

Israel stumbled over the stumbling stone: Christ.

God's righteousness is Christ. (10:4)

⁴*Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.*

Becoming right with God cannot happen by obeying law. (10:5)

⁵*Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law:
"The man who does these things will live by them."*

To gain righteousness before God by obedience to law requires the doing of all God's commands.

But, because of sin, this is impossible.

(Romans 3:20; 8:3-4; Galatians 3:10-14; James 2:10)

Becoming right with God is "by faith" and "near."

(10:6-8)

Just as "the word" (of law) was "near" to them in the O.T.,
so now "the word of faith" (in Christ) is "near."

Becoming right with God is by faith in Jesus Christ. (10:9-10)

⁹*That if you confess 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 confess and are saved.*

Becoming right with God is for all. (10:11-13)

¹¹*As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts 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."*