

ISRAEL'S PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION  
PART 4 – ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF DOES NOT CHANGE GOD'S  
REQUIREMENT OF FAITH  
ROMANS 9:30-33

INTRODUCTION:

This morning we come to the end of Romans 9 where Paul has been teaching about Israel's place in God's plan of redemption and specifically how Israel's unbelief and rejection of the Messiah fits into that plan. Over the last several weeks we have learned that Israel's unbelief and rejection is consistent with God's plan and that God had even revealed Israel's unbelief centuries before it happened to the Old Testament prophets.

This morning we come to the fourth and final part in this series and in these final verses Paul in his concluding words returns to the requirement of faith for salvation. Israel's unbelief does not change the requirement of faith to be righteous before God.

I. GOD'S REQUIREMENT OF FAITH

- a. In this fourth part of this chapter Paul seeks to make the point that God's requirement of \_\_\_\_\_ as a means of righteousness does not go in any way against His plan of redemption.
- b. From the very beginning faith has been inseparably required for salvation, it was a part of His \_\_\_\_\_ of redemption since its inception.
- c. We have already talked about the fact that this requirement of faith does not \_\_\_\_\_ or go against God's sovereignty.

II. RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH (Romans 9:30)

- a. Paul opens this final part of this chapter with the words, "\_\_\_\_\_ shall we say then?" (Romans 9:30a, NASB95)
- b. Paul then begins with the Gentile believers who have been \_\_\_\_\_ by grace through faith. (Romans 4:3)
- c. Paul writes, "What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained \_\_\_\_\_, even

*the righteousness which is by faith;"* (Romans 9:30, NASB95)  
(Hebrews 11:4-39)

- d. As I already stated, the Gentiles did not of their own natural \_\_\_\_\_ seek after God's righteousness through faith. (Romans 3:9-12)
- e. When the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Christ was proclaimed, many more \_\_\_\_\_ responded to the Gospel message, than Jews.

III. RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT BY WORKS (Romans 9:31-33)

- a. Paul after concluding the Gentiles attained God's righteousness by faith, now turns to his fellow Jews to tell them why they had \_\_\_\_\_ attained righteousness. (Romans 3:23)
- b. Paul goes on in the following verse to describe why the self-righteous Jew did not \_\_\_\_\_ at that law. (Galatians 3:21-24)
- c. Two weeks ago we looked at the fact that centuries before Christ came and went to the cross to die for the sins of the world, God had \_\_\_\_\_ through the Old Testament prophets that the nation of Israel would reject the Messiah.
- d. The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ was taken to Babylon when God brought judgment on Israel in the Old Testament.
- e. Isaiah goes on in this verse quoted by Paul in Romans 9:33 and says that the one who believes in Him, in the stone of stumbling, in the Messiah, the one who places His \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ will not be disappointed.
- f. He will be declared \_\_\_\_\_, his sins will be forgiven, and he will have eternal life, and all this to the glory of God who made this salvation possible through His grace.

CONCLUSION:

Paul in this chapter has been showing us what Israel's place in God's plan of redemption. Specifically, how Israel in her unbelief fits into this plan. We have seen in this chapter that Israel's unbelief, her lack of faith, her rejection of the Messiah, did not surprise or catch God off guard or in any way cancel out God's plan. This morning we

have seen that His requirement of faith has always been a part of His plan from its inception, His choosing a remnant in Israel for salvation fits in perfectly with His plan because He always knew that only a few would believe in His Son and be saved. He knew it would be that way and He planned it to be that way and that is the way it will turn out and it will be to His glory.

This morning we looked more closely at the human requirement for salvation, man must in faith trust in Jesus Christ to receive God's gracious provision of salvation and to be declared righteous before God. What was determined before the foundation of the world is fulfilled when man puts His faith in Jesus Christ. *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”* (Ephesians 2:8–10, NASB95)