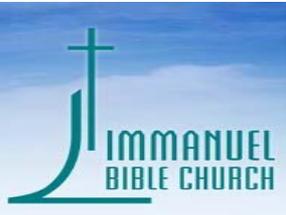
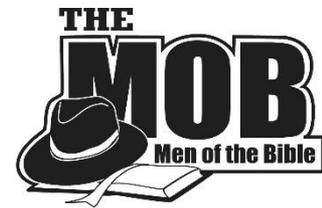


For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

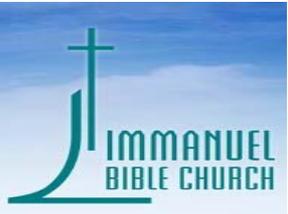
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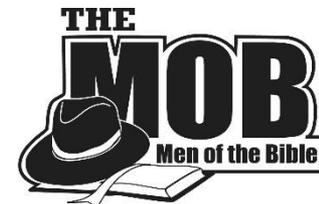
Announcements



- **Welcome to the MOB!** Website: www.ibcmob.net
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- [*The Tomb is Empty!* IBC Easter Pageant, March 23-31, 2018](#)



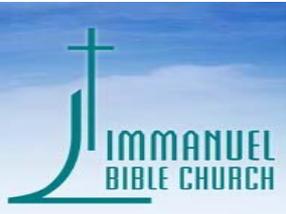
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Romans 10:17 (NASB)

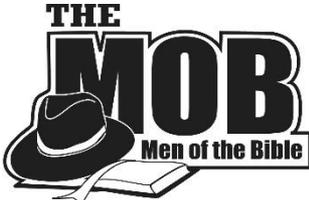
So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 (NASB)



Romans

Outline



Focus	Revelation of God's Righteousness			Vindication of God's Righteousness			Application of God's Righteousness	
	Reference	1:1 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	6:1 – 8:39	9:1-29	9:30 – 10:21	11:1-36	12:1 – 13:14
Division	Need for God's Righteousness	Imputation of God's Righteousness	Demonstration of God's Righteousness	Israel's Past: Election	Israel's Present: Rejection	Israel's Future: Restoration	Christian Duties	Christian Liberties
Topic	Sin	Salvation	Sanctification	Sovereignty			Service	
	Doctrinal						Behavioral	
Location & Time	Probably written in Corinth (Greece) around 57 AD							





Last Meeting



Scripture:

- [Romans 9:1-29](#)

Key Thoughts :

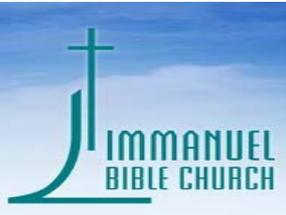
- The Apostle Paul's Anguish over Israel
- Israel's Rejection and God's Purpose
- Israel's Rejection and God's Justice
- **God's Sovereign Choice: Predestination**

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This Meeting



Scripture:

- [Romans 9:30 - 10:21](#)

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Chapter 14

Israel, Gentiles, and the Righteousness of God

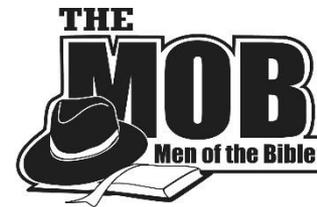
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Key Thoughts :

- Gentiles did not pursue righteousness, but attained it by faith
- Jews pursued righteousness by works (by obeying the Law), but did not attain it
- With God, no distinction between Jew and Gentile
- Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved
- Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ
- Israel rejected Christ, but God still reaches out to them



Romans 9:30 – 10:21 (ESV)

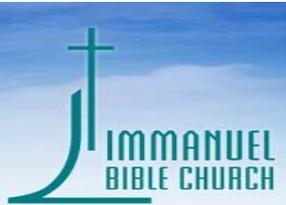


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“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

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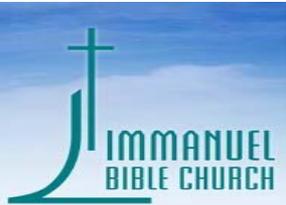


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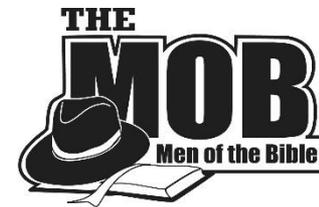


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Romans 9:30 – 10:21 (ESV)



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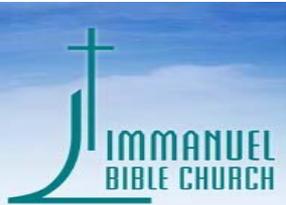
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Question: ^{9:30} What shall we say, then?

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See also:

[Galatians 2:16](#)

[Philippians 3:9](#)

[Isaiah 65:1](#)

[Romans 3:10-18](#)

[Romans 3:19-23](#)

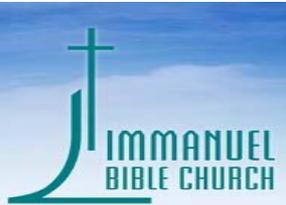
[1 Peter 2:6-8](#)

[Matthew 21:42](#)

[Mark 12:10](#)

[Luke 20:17](#)

Interpretation: [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) You have been saved **through faith**



Romans 9:30 – 10:21 (ESV)



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Observations: [heart - kardias καρδίας - lit: the heart; mind, character, inner self, will, intention, center.](#) Paul's core being.

[knowledge - epignōsin ἐπίγνωσιν - knowledge, discernment, recognition](#)

Paul is speaking from his own first-hand experience. [Acts 22:3-10](#)

Interpretation:

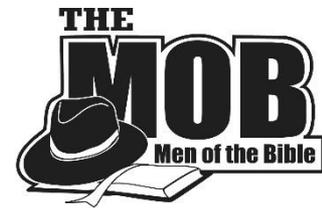
Israel is not saved because they have all sinned [[Romans 3:9-23](#)] and have not recognized the true nature of God in Christ Jesus.

Only a remnant will be saved. [Isaiah 10:22](#) [Romans 9:27](#)

Jesus Christ **fulfilled** the Law of Moses [Matthew 5:17](#) [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)



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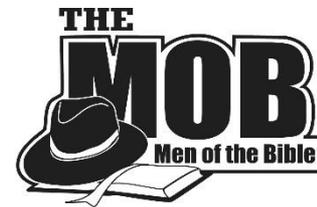
Observation: Paul contrasts righteousness based on the law and righteousness based on faith using OT Scripture.

Interpretation:

If a man could keep God’s Law, then he could live (eternally). However, this is impossible; no one can keep God’s Law. [Romans 3:9-20](#) and [Romans 3:23](#) - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Ascending to heaven and descending into the abyss are both impossible and unnecessary! The Truth is close at hand! Jesus Christ!



Romans 9:30 – 10:21 (ESV)



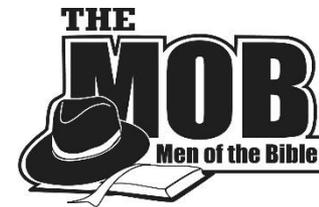
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Observation: Confessing Jesus is Lord, believing God raised Him from the dead, and calling on His name assures you will be saved (salvation; justification). These are all faith-based actions. Paul does not try to explain how [Romans 9:6-29](#) and [10:9-13](#) are both true; they just are.

Interpretation: “Lord Jesus” is a statement of faith in Jesus as the Lord God (He serves as Savior and rules as Lord). Salvation does not depend on your ethnicity [[Romans 2:1-16](#)]; only on your confession and belief.



Romans 9:30 – 10:21 (ESV)



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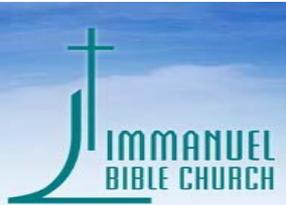
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Observation: In order to call on Jesus, you have to believe in Jesus. In order to believe in Jesus, you have to have heard of Jesus. In order to hear of Jesus, someone has to preach (communicate the Gospel). In order to preach the Gospel ([evangelize](#)), someone has to be [sent](#).

Interpretation: Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ. However, not everyone who hears will believe. Israel heard God’s prophets (like Isaiah), but still didn’t believe.



Romans 9:30 – 10:21 (ESV)



Q1: But ¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? **A1:** Indeed they have, for
“Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.” [[Psalm 19:4](#)]

Q2: ¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? **A2:** First Moses says,
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with a foolish nation I will make you angry.” [[Deuteronomy 32:21](#)]

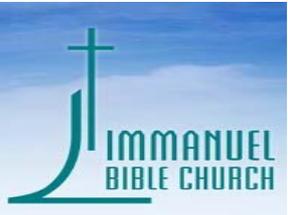
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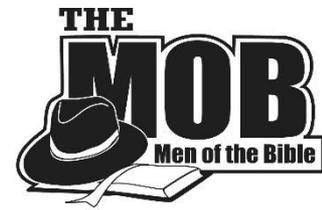
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and contrary people.” [[Isaiah 65:2](#), [Proverbs 1:24](#)]

Observation: Paul asks two rhetorical questions: Q1 – Did Israel hear?
A1 – Yes! Q2 – Did Israel understand (know)? A2 – Yes! No excuses!

Interpretation: Jews cannot claim to be ignorant of the Gospel, for God
has made it known to them, and although many Jews have rejected the
Gospel, the Lord still reaches out to them. More on this in [Romans 11](#)!



Discussion & Application



1. What happens to people who die without ever hearing about Jesus?
2. Who shared the Gospel with you? Where were you? When did you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord?
3. Why do so many people pursue righteousness based on good works? (“Good people go to heaven.”)
4. How can you keep from stumbling over Christ?
5. How is Christ your cornerstone for every area of your life?
6. If Christ fulfilled God’s Law, what significance or impact does this fact have in your life?
7. How deep is your desire for the salvation of the lost? What are you doing / what will you do to fulfill The Great Commission? [[Matthew 28:18-20](#)]



Next Meeting



Rejoicing in Life and Hope

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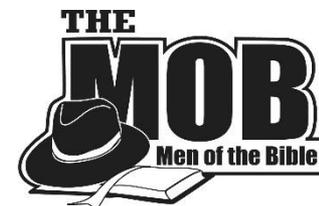
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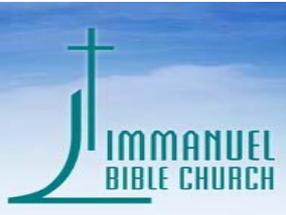
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Closing



- Questions?
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- Closing Prayer



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