

Romans 9:30-33

Israel and the Gospel

- ◆ So we say that the Gentiles, who were not trying to put themselves right with God, were put right with him through faith; while God's people, who were seeking a law that would put them right with God, did not find it. And why not? Because they did not depend on faith but on what they did. And so they stumbled over the “stumbling stone” that the scripture speaks of: “Look, I place in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall. But whoever believes in him will not be disappointed.”
- ◆ The Gentiles who were not trying to put themselves right with God were put right with God through faith. The Jews who were trying to put themselves right with God through their works failed. Faith is what puts us right with God. How are we trying to put ourselves right with God? Is it by our actions (i.e. obeying the laws to the fullest which we fail at doing) or by having faith (believing in Jesus Christ and then being led by the Spirit)?
- ◆ Knowledge is power – correct/good knowledge is power. Hosea 4:6 – My people perish because of lack of knowledge. The Jews lacked knowledge or they had the wrong knowledge, because of that they couldn't be put right with God. The Gentiles accepted good knowledge of faith and through faith they were put right with God. Let's seek knowledge from the right sources and also be receptive to sound knowledge. The good knowledge we need is in the bible let's study it and also the Spirit will also help us discern good knowledge.