The Cornerstone & Rock of Offense

Brent Moody · Romans 9:30–10:21

INTRODUCTION

- It took me a long time to realize that Paul is not fighting legalism.
- They believe in the grace of God, they just believe it's only available to Jews, and it wasn't available to Gentiles.
- I want you to think of the prodigal son, that story of Jesus as a little bit of a key, a way to understand what we're talking about here in Romans 10.

1 Righteousness by Faith Is Different and New

Romans 9:30–32; Romans 3:21

- The just shall live not by the law, not by following Moses, but the just shall live by faith.
- You're not going to be righteous before God because you've kept the law of Moses so well. The law of Moses can't do that.
- The righteousness of God is now revealed apart from the law through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who have faith, or all who believe.
- But the marker of a standing before God is faith in Jesus Christ.
- The only mark of our relationship with God is faith in Jesus Christ and what Christ calls us to.

2 It's Attainable to Everyone

Deuteronomy 30; Romans 10:9–13

- It's not too hard for you to keep this commandment I'm giving you today. It's a choice of life or death.
- It's not too hard to decide you're going to put your faith in Jesus Christ.
- It's something that anyone can do, Jew or Gentile, prodigal or older son.
- It's for all who will call on the name of the Lord. Everyone will be saved.
- If you believe with your heart and you confess that Jesus is Lord, that he was raised from the dead, you will be saved.

3 Faith Comes by Hearing

Romans 10:14–17; Romans 3:4

- Everyone who calls on him will be saved, but you have to believe to call. And to believe in him, you have to hear.
- But here's the bigger question in the text. What about when hearing doesn't result in faith? Then what?
- Is God no longer faithful because some are faithless? God forbid.
- God has always given his message, and he doesn't force people to accept it.

- It’s not that they haven’t heard. Indeed, they have heard. They just didn’t listen.

4 God Will Continue to Bless All Who Call

Romans 10:12–13

- The gospel is there and the message is out. It’s being preached.
- But God is a God of mercy and compassion, and he will continue to bless all who call on his name.
- Anyone who comes to their senses and realizes who God is and how desperately they need him, God will bless them.

5 God Will Remain Persistent

Romans 10:21; Romans 10:19

- God doesn’t give up. All day long, he’s holding out his hands. He desperately wants you to come to him.
- As long as you have breath and as long as you have life, he’s there waiting with his arms open.
- Don’t stay in the pig pen and ask, where’s God? You left him. He didn’t leave you.
- God’s going to receive people and it’s going to make some people angry because they think they don’t deserve it.
- But I want you to know that God’s still pursuing you too.

THE CHALLENGE

God wants you to come to him and to change your life and to be recreated after the image of his son. And that is something that every single one of us can attain and can do. Can we help you with that this morning?

MY NOTES