

Romans 9

30 What then will we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. 32 Why not? Because their pursuit was not by faith, but as if it were by works.

They stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 as it is written:

"See, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame."

1 Peter 2

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—
rejected by humans but chosen by God and
precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones,
are being built into a spiritual house to be a
holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For
it stands in Scripture:

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[Isaiah 28:16]

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1 John 2

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you might not sin. And if anyone should sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. 2 And He is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.



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1 Corinthians 1

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

21 ...God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

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13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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2. Seeking to establish their own righteousness

The Gospel of being a really good person

The Gospel of doing things Christians do

The Gospel of following Jesus example

The Gospel of making this world a better place

The Gospel of feeling good and being happy

The Gospel of being sincere

The Gospel of living sacrificially

The Gospel of making people admire you

The Gospel of being successful

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3. Not submitting to God's righteousness

It's too easy

It's too hard to believe

It's too repulsive

It's too futuristic

It's too negative

It's too primitive

It's too unjust

It's too narrow

It's too hateful

It's too restrictive

It's too late

It's too spiritual

It's too humbling

It's too costly

1 Corinthians 15

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

