**QUESTION**

**9 30** What shall we say, then?

**ANSWER**

That Gentiles

who did not pursue righteousness have attained it,

that is, a righteousness that is by faith;

**31** but that Israel

who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness

did not succeed in reaching that law.

**QUESTION**

**32** Why?   
**ANSWER**

Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works.

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

“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.” (Isaiah 28:16 with 8:14)

**10 1**Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

**2** For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

**3** For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and

seeking to establish their own,

they did not submit to God's righteousness.

**4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**5** For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law,

that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. (Leviticus 18:5)

**6** But the righteousness based on faith says,

“Do not say in your heart, (Deuteronomy 9:4)

‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (Deuteronomy 30:12)

(that is, to bring Christ down)

**7** “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (Deuteronomy 30:13)

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

**8** But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (Deuteronomy 30:14)

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); **9** because,

if you

confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,

you will be saved.

**10** For

with the heart one believes

and is justified, and

with the mouth one confesses

and is saved.

**11** For the Scripture says,

“Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” (Isaiah 28:16)

**12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

**13** For

“everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Joel 2:32)

**14** How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And

how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And

how are they to hear without someone preaching? **15** And

how are they to preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Isaiah 52:7)

**16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” (Isaiah 53:1)

**17** So

faith comes from hearing, and

hearing through the word of Christ.

**QUESTION**

**18** But I ask, have they not heard?

**ANSWER**

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)

**QUESTION**

**19** But I ask, did Israel not understand?

**CONSIDER THIS**

First Moses says,

“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;

with a foolish nation I will make you angry.” (Deuteronomy 32:21)

**20** Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

“I have been found by those who did not seek me;

I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.” (Isaiah 65:1)

**21** But of Israel he says,

“All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

(Isaiah 65:2)

Arrangement inspired by *Romans -* *The Readable Bible* (Iron Stream Publishing, 2022)