

ROMANS 38 – 10:1-8

Israel's Stone of Stumbling

1. 9:30-33

- a. *"what shall we say then?"* Answer: Israel stumbled over faith in Christ
- b. Division in Israel over faith in Christ - John 7:40, 9:16, 10:19, Luke 7:27-30
- c. The kingdom was given to the remnant by faith – Luke 12:32, Mat 21:42-43
- d. Jesus quotes Psalm 118 about trusting the LORD – Psa118:20-22, Isa 26:2
- e. The stumbling stone is both a foundation and a snare –Isa 8:14, Isa 28:16
- f. The faithful *"shall not be ashamed"* – Psa 31:1-3, 31:17; Isa 45:16-17; Isa 66:5
- g. The stone is supposed to bring in the kingdom – Dan 2:34-35, 2:44

2. 10:1-2

- a. Romans 10 identifies the stone of stumbling in Israel = faith in Christ
- b. *"heart's desire...prayer..."* - produces the action of Paul going to synagogues
- c. *"might be saved"* – Their salvation will be in the kingdom - Rom 11:26-27
- d. There is salvation in none other but Christ –Luke 1:69-71, Acts 4:11-12
- e. *"I bear them record"* – Paul was an example of the zeal – Phil 3:6, Gal 1:14
- f. *"zeal of God"* – to do works, to maintain religion, to perform the law
- g. *"not according to knowledge"* – an ounce of which is better than a ton of effort
- h. Truth held by an enemy is a friend; error held by a friend is an enemy: Rom 11:28
- i. Faith without works is dead under the law, but works without faith is vanity.

3. 10:3-4

- a. Jesus said to seek God's righteousness to get into the kingdom - Mat 6:33
- b. The knowledge they lacked concerned God's righteousness - Romans 3:19-22
- c. Prophets testified to righteousness by faith – Hab 2:4, Heb 10:38, Rom 3:31
- d. *"submitted themselves"* – to God's righteousness of faith in his purpose – John 6:47
- e. *"end of the law"* – When? He was born under the law, and taught the law
- f. The law was no longer adequate, they needed faith in Christ: Rom 3:25, Heb 9:15
- g. They had to be born again: 1) as Israel, 2) in the NT; Paul is ministering the NT.
- h. Paul is preaching faith to Israel and not works, which he uniquely was apt to do
- i. *"That no man is justified by the law... is evident"* – Gal 3:10-12 also Gal 3:18-23
- j. It was not the end of the law for Israel, but the end for righteousness - Heb 7:12

4. 10:5-8

- a. Moses describes righteousness of the law by their doing it – Deu 6:25, Lev 18:5
- b. Moses also wrote of Jesus and the righteousness of faith - John 1:45, 5:39-46
- c. 10:6-8 - Paul is quoting the law from Deut 30:11-14 concerning the New Covenant
- d. *"who shall ascend"* – No one but Christ who is from heaven – John 3:13, 6:38-42
- e. *"descend into the deep"* – Christ did, he resurrected once already never to die again
- f. *"the word is nigh thee"*- Where? In their mouth and heart, so that they may do it!