

# The Problem Solver

Romans 9:30–10:4

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- The “Problem of Israel” is from a lack of faith.  
vv. 9:30–32a
  
- Jesus is a problem.  
vv. 9:32b–33
  
- Jesus is the solution to all problems.      vv. 10:1–4

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you hear “Problem Solver,” who do you think of and why?
2. Define “The Problem of Israel.” What “problem” is Paul addressing in Chapters 9 & 10 in Romans? (Rom. 9:6)
3. Read Romans 9:30-32a. Paul is describing “righteousness” as what makes us in “right standing” with God. Israel pursued this by adherence to the Law and national identity, how do we risk doing the same thing? (Gal. 5:1-6)
4. Gentiles in v. 30 attained righteousness through faith. How are we reconciled to God and how do we achieve righteousness with Him? Is “faith” just a shortened list of the Law? (Rom. 1:17; 3:21-22; 10:6, Gal. 2:16; 3:24, Phil.3:9, Heb. 11:7)
5. Read Romans 9:32b-33. How is Jesus a rock of stumbling to Israel? How is He a stumbling block to unbelievers? How can we present the “Problem of Jesus” to those around us who don’t believe? (Is. 28:16, Ps. 118:22, Is. 8:13-15, 1 Peter 2: 4-8, Is. 49:23, Joel 2:26-27, Matt. 21:42-44, John 3:16-21)
6. Read Romans 10:1-4. In vv. 2-3 Paul is accusing Israel of pursuing zeal without knowledge. How do we do that in the modern world? How do we risk the same thing in the church? (Acts 22:3, Gal. 1:14, Phil. 3:3-6, Ez. 5:13, Num.25:11)
7. Focus on vv. 1 & 4, what should be our desire for the unbeliever? How do we present Jesus as the solution to everything? (Matt. 5:17, John 14:6)

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

<sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

