

ROMANS

THE MYSTERY OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS



SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED

ROMANS 9:30-10:13

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TAKEAWAYS

Write out your one-sentence takeaways. Consider writing these on a notecard and putting it on your mirror, desk, or car dashboard.

What to remember:

What to put off/put on:

What to share with someone:

NEXT STEPS

Here are some possible next steps to walk in this truth this week.

- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with others this week, including Rom. 10:9-13.
- Encourage your small group or other believers with reminders of Christ's work for them and how they can rest in him.
- Memorize Romans 10:9-13.
- Read through Romans 1-8 again and look for similar themes from today: righteousness by faith not law, importance of belief, Jew and Gentile, and salvation and justification.

APPLICATION & DISCUSSION

These questions focus on the sermon text and message. We've highlighted key ones but use however many your group needs.

1. Why is "works-righteousness" or leaning on our performance a default mode for us, and how does that make a gospel of grace hard to live out some times?
2. **Where do you see a mindset of works-righteousness or trying to earn God's approval show up in your life? How can you, individually and as a group, combat that with the gospel of grace?**

3. **This text highlights unity in the body and how all distinctions of worth, value, or holiness before God are removed for all who have the same Lord. How does this help you think about and treat other believers? How might this help you break down divisions?**
4. Rom. 9:30-10:13 reminds us that those who think they know God, are zealous in religion, and are very moral people might actually be far from God. How does this warn us against relying upon anything other than Christ? How does this warn us of judging based upon appearances and religious involvement?
5. If Christ has fulfilled the law for us, how might that affect the way we view our identity, our past, God's relationship with us and view of us, how we pray, and how we live in freedom?
6. What do you need to remember or believe, put off or put on, or share with someone this week as a way to apply this text and message?
7. **How might this passage help you explain the gospel to someone? How might you use it to counsel a believer?**

HOW TO PRAY

Pray over the praises and requests of those around you but here are some additional ways to pray into our passage this week.

- Confess to God ways you rely upon your own works, righteousness, or good deeds.
- Confess any pride and your need for Christ for righteousness.
- Thank God for reconciling you to himself through Christ's work and for those who brought the gospel to you.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel this week.
- Ask God to help you live by faith and according to God's promises instead of your own ability to measure up.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

For those wanting to study some of the key ideas in more detail here are some cross-references and resources.

- **Parallel passages:** Ps. 118:22; Is. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:6-7; 1 Cor. 1:23; 3:11.
- **Justification by faith:** Rom. 3:21-26; 8:1-4; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9.
- **Law points to Christ:** Rom. 3:20; 7:4-6; 8:1-4; Gal. 3:1-29.

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