



GOD'S WORK IN EVANGELISM

Extending the Gospel with Passion & Sincerity

PART 4 - ROMANS 9:30-33

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30 *What shall we say, then? 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. **32** Why? 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."* (ESV)

1. Present _____ (vv.30-31)

2. Work _____ (v.32)

3. _____ (v.33)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the things that keep you from talking to others about the gospel?
2. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**, **1 Corinthians 9:16** and **Romans 10:14-15**. In what way do these verses help and motivate you as you think about evangelism?
3. Read **Acts 24:10** and **1 Peter 3:14-15**. What can and should you do to be better prepared to make a good "defense" of the gospel?
4. Read **2 Timothy 4:3-5**. Why is accuracy regarding the gospel so important, especially in the twenty-first century?
5. What would you say to a Christian who tells you he is too scared or afraid to talk to people about the gospel?
6. Read **Acts 18:4**. How would you respond to someone who thinks that God's sovereignty relieves Christians of any responsibility in trying to persuade people or reason with people about Christ or the gospel?

The Compass "Bible Reading" Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

August 1st

Ps. 65-67 & Ro. 2

August 2nd

Ps. 68-69 & Ro. 3

August 3rd

Ps. 70-72 & Ro. 4

August 4th

Ps. 73-74 & Ro. 5

August 5th

Ps. 75-77 & Ro. 6

August 6th

Ps. 78 & Ro. 7

August 7th

Ps. 79-81 & Ro. 8:1-18

August 8th

Ps. 82-84 & Ro. 8:19-39

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 1004 – **Mastering the Gospel: Making Sure We Deliver the Right Message**

CD # 1005 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**

CD # 0821 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**

CD # 0519 – **Understanding God-Induced Repentance & Faith**

CD # 0815 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**

CD # 0023 - 0028 – **The Big Questions** (a six-part series on the veracity of Christianity)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Carson, D. A. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

Geisler, Norman. **Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics**. Baker Books, 1999.

House, Paul et al. **Who Will Be Saved? The Biblical Understanding of God, Salvation & Evangelism**. CB Books, 2000.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?** Zondervan, 2008.

Metzger, Will. **Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity, 1984.

Miller, C. John. **Repentance and the 20th Century Man**. Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.

Nash, Ronald H. **Is Jesus the Only Savior?** Zondervan, 1994.

Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20th Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.

Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.