

**“Why Is Jesus Rejected?”
(Romans 10:1-13)**

It is amazing that so many people, even religious people, miss the great opportunity of receiving God’s salvation in Christ. Even more amazing is the fact that the Jews did not recognize their Messiah as He walked among them displaying the wisdom and power of God. Paul explains that this happened because they were ignorant of the . . .

Righteousness of God (1-5)

- Not **Self**-Righteousness (1-3)

- Rather, **Christ**-Righteousness (4-5)

Role of Faith (6-10)

- To **Realize** Christ’s Nearness (6-8)

- To **Respond** to Christ’s Nearness (9-10)

Reach of Salvation (11-13)

- **Whosoever** Believes (11-12)

- **Whosoever** Calls (13)

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share about a time you thought you were traveling in the right direction, but then realized it was the wrong way.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do so many people trust in religion or their own works rather than trusting in Christ alone for salvation? How can we avoid falling into “self-righteous” living AFTER we are saved?

2. What does it mean that “Christ is the end of the law” for righteousness? How is the OT law still relevant for us?

3. How does a belief in works righteousness show a lack of proper appreciation for the incarnation & resurrection? (See Romans 10:6-7)

4. Explain Romans 10:9-10 in your own words. Briefly explain the other verses of the Romans Road found in Romans 3:23; 6:23; and 5:8.

5. Why is the word “*whoever*” so important in Romans 10:11 and 13. What difference should that word make in your life?

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Each person fill in the blank below, then pray for these names. “*My heart’s desire and prayer to God for _____ is that they may be saved!*”

Digging Deeper

1. What do these verses say about God’s righteousness or self-righteousness? Psalm 71:19; 119:142; Isaiah 64:6; Mat 5:48; 9:12-13; Lk 18:9-14; Rom 1:16-17; 3:20-22; 2 Cor 5:21 and Phil 3:7-9.

2. Romans 10:12 declares “no distinction between Jew and Gentile” for salvation. Note the other times Paul compares Jew and Gentile and jot down what each one teaches. Rom 1:16; 3:22-23, 29-30; 9:23-24 and 15:12. See also Eph 2:11-13 and 3:6-8.

3. Compare the use of Deut 30:11-14 in its original context (vv.1-14) with Paul’s use of these verses in Rom 10:6-8. What did it mean to Israel in Deuteronomy, and how did Paul develop it in Rom 10?