

Romans 9-24-33

Why has Israel Fallen Away?

Introduction:

I. Israel has stumbled according to God's revealed purpose. v. 24-29

- God has called both Jews and Gentiles to be vessels of His mercy. v. 24
- Hosea foretold the calling of the Gentiles. v. v25-26 Hosea 2:23 1:10
- The story of Hosea portrays God's relationship with His people.
- Hosea's unfaithful wife is a picture of Israel's unfaithfulness to God. Ho. 1:2
- Gomer's restoration is a picture of what God would do for unworthy adulterous Israel. 1:10 2:14,19,23 3:1f
- Isaiah predicted the destruction of all but a remnant of the Jews. v. 27-29
Is. 10:21-23,5 1:9 14:24 11:11,1,5 46:3

II. Israel is responsible for her failure. v30-33

- Gentiles, who were not pursuing God's righteousness, are receiving it anyway. v. 30
- The salvation of the Gentiles is only by God's sovereign grace and mercy. 9:16 Acts 13:44-48
- Most Jews are not gaining God's righteousness, in spite of their efforts. v. 31

Why has Israel failed?

- Israel failed because they pursued righteousness by their works, rather than through faith. v. 32a 3:20,27 8:3
- They failed to see the law demands a perfection they cannot attain. 3:19-20 Js.
- They failed to see the true method of justification, by faith, as shown by their father Abraham. 4:1f 3:27 Gen. 15:6
- They failed to see Christ in the law. 3:21-22,31 8:3 10:4 Gal. 3:13,24

- Sincerity in religion is not enough.
- Israel failed because they stumbled over Christ (the Rock of God).
v.32b-33

Conclusion:

Why has Israel failed? 9:24-33

- 1. Israel's failure is according to the revealed purpose of God. v. 24-29**
- 2. Israel is responsible for their unbelieving rejection of Christ. v30-33**