

OVERWHELMED BY GOD'S GRACE!

Jesus: A Rock to Many, A Stumbling Block to Others

Exposition of Romans, XXXIX

Romans 9:30-33



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INTRODUCTION

I. THE RELIGIOUS VS. THE REDEEMED ~ 9:30-32

A. Israel Pursued a Law

For Further Study: Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Romans 9:4-5; I Corinthians 1:23; I Peter 2:6-8

B. The Gentiles Pursued a Savior

For Further Study: Acts 4:12; Rom. 3:22-23; II Corinthians 5:21; I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; Romans 10:4; Ephesians 2:8-9; I Timothy 1:15

II. A STONE OF STUMBLING VS. A STONE OF SALVATION OR, A ROCK OF OFFENSE VS. ROCK OF REFUGE ~ 9:33

For Further Study: Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22-23; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; 64:6; Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45; Matthew 21:42-44; Luke 2:34; I Corinthians 1:18-31; I Peter 2:8; Mark 8:34

CONCLUSION

But how they stumble at Christ, who trust in their works, it is not difficult to understand; for except we own ourselves to be sinners, void and destitute of any righteousness of our own, we obscure the dignity of Christ, which consists in this, that to us all He is light, life, resurrection, righteousness, and healing. But how is He all these things, except that He illuminates the blind, restores the lost, quickens the dead, raises up those who are reduced to nothing, cleanses those who are full of filth, cures and heals those infected with diseases? Nay, when we claim for ourselves any righteousness, we in a manner contend with the power of Christ; for His office is no less to beat down all the pride of the flesh, than to relieve and comfort those who labor and are wearied under their burden.

~ JOHN CALVIN, *Calvin's Commentaries*, p. 37