

Paul's Letter to the

Romans



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What about the Jews?

- God chooses for His purposes: nation
- Pharaoh raised up as a “leader”
- God uses him for His glory! History
- Jews were complaining about Gentiles!
- Pots of honor or casual use

What shall we say... 9:30ff

- Conclusion of the thoughts! Context!
 - Gentiles found God by pursuing faith!
 - Jews failed thru pursuing law!
 - Caused their own rejection by God...
 - Will the Jews question the 'potter' because He is saving the Gentiles???

The stumbling stone

- Jesus quoted this too! Mt 21:42-44
- Continuation of the warning emphasis
- Back to Paul/Jews... Ch. 10
 - Heart's desire and prayer for salvation
 - Zeal for God
 - Trusting in law... rather than faith

Messiah/Christ

- Jesus is the “end” – *telos*
- For believers – present active, *písteuo*
- Ends the ‘law’, for those in faith
- Moses – live in law righteousness... fail!
- Law couldn’t empower lifestyle (Rom 8)
- Note Jesus Mt 23 – blind guides!

Based on Faith

- Deut 30:11-14 quoted
 - What Moses had revealed was the focus
 - Jews failed; Jesus completed all!!
- Same thought now with Paul...
 - The 'word' is now alive in you!
 - Preaching - *kerruso* (8,14,15) herald
 - Present active...we need to do this!!!

The Response

- IF...

- Confess: *homologeo*: 'same word'

- Believe in the heart: center of being, will

- Aorist tenses... point in time

- Profess, mouth, Jesus as Lord

- Believe, God raised Him from the dead