

Listening Guide: Pastor Frank Johnson

Christians and Israel: *"Why Can't I Do It All by Myself? Part 2"*

Or, "The Special Case of Israel in Salvation-History"

Romans 9:30-10:21

~Take a closer look~

I. WE MUST ADMIT THE FUTILITY OF SALVATION BY WORKS 9:30-33

1. *The crux issue in our relationship with God is not our performance.*
2. *Israel (as a whole) was relying on performance, the keeping of the Law that would make them righteous.*

II. WE MUST ACCEPT THE WAY OF SALVATION REVEALED BY GOD. 10:2-13

1. *The people of Israel were sincere in their zeal for God. v. 2a*
2. *But their zeal was not based on what God had revealed. v. 2b*
3. *They were trying to perform well enough themselves to earn a standing with God. v. 3*
4. *Christ came to bring such attempts at self-made righteousness to an end. v. 4*
5. *Paul uses various Old Testament quotations to illustrate the difference between a works-based righteousness and a faith-based righteousness. vv. 5-8*
6. *Then, he calls everyone to trust in Christ alone. vv. 9-13*

III. WE MUST ANNOUNCE THE WAY OF SALVATION TO THE _____. vv. 1, 14-21

1. *The initiative of God is given expression through the cooperation of _____ agents. vv. 14-15*

- a. God _____.
- b. We _____.
- c. Others _____.
- d. Some _____.
- e. They call on the name of the Lord for _____.

2. *The reality of Israel's experience is this: they heard, they understood, they _____ the message. vv. 16-21*

3. *Paul was committed to _____ for His people, even though they were not responsive at present. v. 1*

~Take it home (applications)~