



RESPONSIBILITY!

Faith Is Our Response to His Ability • Part 2

Lesson 14

What Shall “YOU” Say Then? (2:1, 3; 3:5; 9:19)	TWO OPTIONS	What Shall “We” Say Then? (9: 30-33)
Natural conclusion of unbelief and/or human reasoning	TWO PERSPECTIVES	Biblical conclusion of belief in divine revelation
<i>It is all of God, SO there's NO room for human responsibility</i>	TWO CONCLUSIONS	<i>It is all of God AND there's STILL room for human responsibility.</i>

PAUL'S CONCLUSIONS IN LIGHT OF UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION [Especially God's Calling Out So Few Jews but Many Gentiles] (vv. 30-33)

1. God's sovereignty does not ELIMINATE human responsibility.

God's sovereignty and human responsibility **are not equals**, because the Bible clearly **exalts** God's sovereignty over human responsibility but does so in way that **does not eliminate** human responsibility!

- 1) It's a mystery: *I hold to many doctrines that I cannot explain....*
- 2) This view of sovereignty **not eliminating** human responsibility is all over scripture...

Crucifixion of Christ - **Acts 2:22-24; 4:27-29**

Inspiration of Scripture - **2 Pet 1:20-21**

Security of the Believer - **1 Peter 1:5**

Sanctification of the Believer - **Philippians 2:12-13**

Salvation of the Believer - **Acts 13:45-48; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15**

2. Salvation is OUR response to HIS ability to save us by faith alone in Christ alone. (vv. 30-32)

- How to become a Christian WITHOUT being religious. (v. 30)

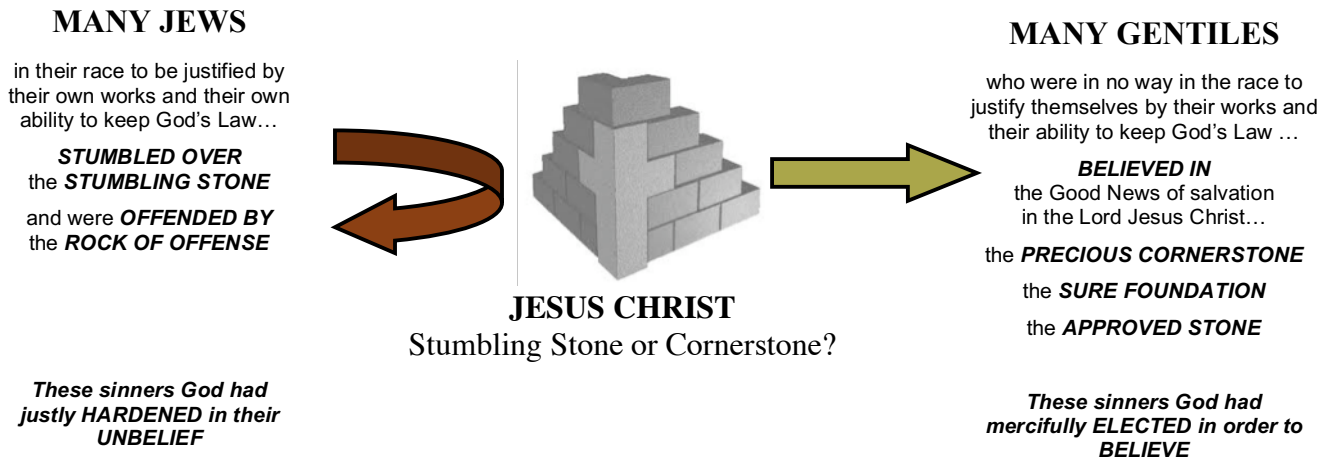
Many Gentiles who **did not** actively run after the prize—a **right standing with the One true God**—got it by responding in faith to the gospel of Christ.

- How to be religious and NOT become a Christian. (vv. 31-32)

Majority of Jews who **did** actively run after the prize—the **Law's promised right standing with the One true God**—did not get it, because they pursued it **as if it could be reached** by their own works.

3. Salvation requires a FAITH response in what Christ has *DONE* for you, not what you *DO* for God.
(v. 32)

4. Christ is either the STUMBLING BLOCK of our condemnation or the CORNERSTONE of our salvation! (v. 33)



Should We Conclude that There Is No Need for Faith?

NO! Unconditional election **results** in God's saving promises being fulfilled to all peoples—Jew and Gentile—by grace through faith in Christ without eliminating human responsibility.

Don't Stumble Over God's Sovereign Cornerstone of Salvation

- **Be SAVED TODAY!** Place your faith in Christ alone for your salvation! Our responsibility is to repent of our sins and receive Christ alone by faith alone!
- **Be THANKFUL!** When you were not even aware of God's righteousness and were pursuing the world, the flesh, and the devil...God chose you, pursued you, and called you to Himself through the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
- **Be HUMBLE!** It is not anything we did or are doing or will do that saves us! It is all of God who chose in Christ before the foundation of the world and called us to Himself by the gospel and the power of His Holy Spirit!
- **Be BOLD!** Share the gospel of Christ with all people for it is God's will that whosoever calls on the name of the will be saved, whether Jew or Greek, religious or irreligious, pious or pagan! There is no other name by which all peoples are saved!