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THE GOSPEL TO THE ROMANS

The Offense of the Gospel

Rom 9:24-33; 10:1-4

1. **The calling of True Israel—his argument for God not failing: vs 24-25**
 - a. I will call them my people, “My beloved” - Who are they?
vs 24/Rom 8:28/John 5:25
 - b. Called “The children of the living God” - Who are they? vs 24/1 Cor 1:21-24
 - c. Typified clearly in our Exodus narrative—Jew/Gentile: Ex 12:38
 - d. The Mystery of the Church revealed: Eph 3:1-8
2. **A remnant of Jews preserved in mercy: vs 26-29**
 - a. The Apostle’s argument in Rom 11:3-5
 - b. The prophecy of a remnant from Jeremiah: Jer 50:20
3. **He delineates clearly the wonder of the Gentile’s Salvation: vs 30**
 - a. And the Tragic failure of the Jews who followed and failed: vs 31
 - b. He gives us both the reason and the cause in vs 32-33
4. **The offense of the gospel is the person and work of Christ: Luke 7:23**
 - a. **His Person** is offensive because He is the sole exclusive means to God:
John 14:6
 - b. **His work** is offensive because it is a rejection of all human effort:
Gal 2:16/Tit 3:5
5. **God purposely made Him a stumbling stone: vs 32b, 33a/ Isa 28:16**
 - a. What is a stumbling stone – “a cause of offense, trap, snare”, plague/to strike
 - b. The prophecy of Isaiah and the Psalms: Isa 8:14-18/Ps 118:22
 - c. And Christ’s own warnings: Mt 21:42-46/Luke 7:23; 20:18
 - d. Peter affirms the same: 1 Pet 2:4, 7
6. **Salvation is faith in the stumbling stone: 32b**
 - a. To believe in this stumbling stone is to be crushed by its claims:
1 Cor 1:26-29
 - b. To believe in this stumbling stone is to be called by its promise: Acts 2:39-41
 - c. To believe in this stumbling stone is to be kept by its power: Rom 10:11-13