

ZEALOUS FOR GOD

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Romans 9:30-10:2

Gentiles & Jews

(Rom 9:30 NIV) What then shall we say?
That the Gentiles, who did not pursue
righteousness, have obtained it, a
righteousness that is by faith;

(Rom 9:31 NIV) but Israel, who pursued a
law of righteousness, has not attained it

Rom 9:32,33 NIV

Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the "stumbling stone."

As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Isaiah 8:14 NIV

and he will be a sanctuary; but for both houses of Israel he will be a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare.

Isaiah 28:16 NIV

So this is what the Sovereign LORD says:
"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone for a sure
foundation; the one who trusts will never
be dismayed.

Romans 10:1 NIV

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

Romans 10:2 NIV

For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.

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The Greek word "Zelos"

Means:

Zeal or fervor in embracing,
pursuing, and defending

Romans 10:2b NIV

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knowledge.

"epignosis"

Discernment recognition,
acknowledgement, knowledge.

Zeal without Knowledge

(Proverbs 19:2 NIV) It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way.

(Phil 1:9 NIV) And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

(Phil 1:10 NIV) so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

(Phil 1:11 NIV) filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.