

The Making of a Good Life

Romans 9:30-10:13

ref.ly/Ro9;niv



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What to watch for...

Righteousness = welcomed by God

- By law = Human effort
- By faith = Gift of God in Jesus

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Romans 9:30-10:15

³⁰ What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³ As it is written:
 "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

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^{10:1} Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

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⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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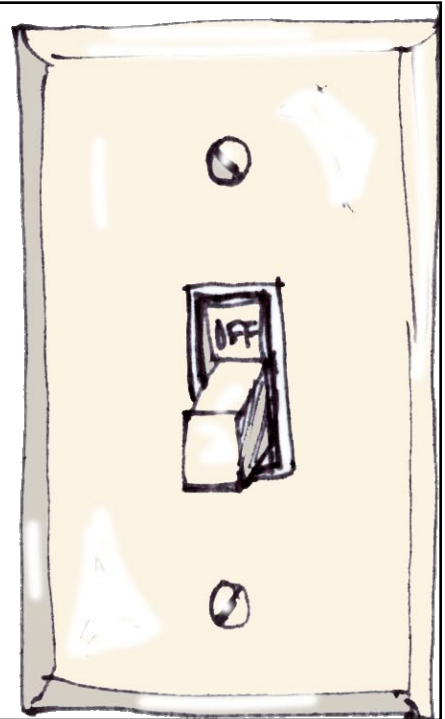
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in prayer and action

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When you flip a switch:

- **Laws of nature**
determine the outcome



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When you cook:

- **Skill** at manipulating the right ingredients determines the outcome



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When you call a dog:

- The will of the dog determines the outcome*

* Behaviorism



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What determines the outcome of prayer?

- Laws of nature
- Laws of the supernatural
- Skill and qualities of the person who prays
- **The will of God**

What determines the outcome of my day?

- Laws of nature
- Laws of the supernatural
- Skill and qualities of me & people around me
- **The will of God**

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What should we do?

Trust in Jesus

- Prayer
 - For salvation
 - For life

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What should we do?

Trust in Jesus

- Prayer
- Action: "Prayer with boots on"
 - Following His instructions by faith

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**What is your hope for today?
And tomorrow?**

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Joel 2:32a