

13. Jews centered on the external sign of circumcision but God was concerned about what?

14. God intended for the physical circumcision to be a picture of what?

15. Why did the Jews still have a great advantage over Gentiles, even though they had the wrong attitude?

16. What five things were the Gentiles alienated from (Eph.2)?

- a. They were without _____
- b. They were without _____
- c. They were without the _____ of promise
- d. They were without _____
- e. They were without _____ in the world.

17. In spite of all of the lacking privileges, the Gentiles lay hold of what?

18. The people of Israel refused to see that righteousness cannot be obtained through what?

19. Many Jews were meticulous in their attempts to keep what?

20. What are some examples of oral law that the Jews tried to keep?

21. When it comes to law and righteousness, if there is any defect there is what?

22. The Jewish people refused to see God's condition of what?

23. Who gave Israel the law of God?

24. Was the law good or bad?

25. Abraham and all saved Jews in the Old Testament were saved by what?

26. What is a parallel illustration today of how the Jews used the law?

27. Who was a stumbling stone to the Jews at the very beginning?

28. Why did the Jews stumble over Jesus?

29. Romans 9:33 is a quote from where?

30. What did many Jewish people judge Jesus by?

31. For those of us who believe Jesus is the what (see I Peter 2)?

32. Who are we to line our lives up with and take our directions from?

33. Did the Jews not believe in Jesus because of a lack of evidence?

34. Jesus performed miracles to prove what?

35. The root of Israel's unbelief, was and is what?

36. The Jewish leaders were offended that Jesus associated with whom?

37. The reason the Jewish leaders refused to turn to Jesus for the cure of salvation is because they refused to see what?

38. The greatest obstacle to the gospel of salvation has always and will always be what?

39. To those who refuse to believe, Jesus is the stone of stumbling and the rock of what?

40. What does the word, “skandalou” refer to?

41. Do we, who have placed our faith and trust in Christ, ever need to worry that we put our trust in the wrong thing?

42. What are some things that people put their trust in?

43. Will you make haste to flee from the presence of God?

44. What are you trusting in?

45. Is Jesus the cornerstone of your life or the stumbling block?

46. Are you repeating the tragedy of wasted effort?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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“THE TRAGEDY OF WASTED EFFORT” **Romans 9:30-33 (Series #67)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon **“The Tragedy of Wasted Effort”**. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Where is one of the saddest verses in all the Bible found?
2. John 1:3 tells us that “...all things were...” what?
3. Jesus came unto His own things, but His own people, the Jews, did what?
4. Where does Paul answer the question of why the Jews rejected Jesus even though they knew the O.T. prophecies and though they were looking for the Messiah?
5. Did Israel’s unbelief, in any way, surprise God?
6. Who, out of all of Israel, would receive God’s mercy and be saved?
7. Is anyone lost because they are not elect?
8. The doctrine of election only explains what?
9. The section looked at in this sermon was to be read with what?

10. What group of people almost always instigated persecution against Paul?

11. In Ephesians 2:11, Paul describes the former condition of whom?

12. Why did God give the sign of circumcision to the Jews?