

# The Tragedy of Wasted Effort

Romans 9:30-33

(series #67)

**Introduction:** the sad reality of John 1:11

## I. The Irony of the Reversal of Roles vv. 30-31

A. Gentiles have received the righteousness of faith v. 30

1. - Ephesians 2:11

a. Gentiles were without Christ

b. Gentiles were without citizenship

c. Gentiles were without covenants

d. Gentiles were without hope

e. Gentiles were without God

B. Israel has not attained righteousness v. 31

1. - James 2:10

## II. The Reason Israel didn't attain righteousness v. 32

A. They did not seek it by faith

B. They tried to earn it by works

C. They stumbled at the stumbling stone

## III. The Prediction of Israel's Stumbling v. 33

A. - Their pride - Matthew 9:9-13

## IV. Concluding application: Jesus is either

A. Cornerstone

B. Stumbling stone and rock of offense