

**Theme: Life in the Spirit (Romans)****Title: “Which Race Are You Running?”****Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14** † **Text: Romans 9.30-10.4**

Salvation is only possible by faith in Jesus. Salvation is a worthy goal, but if we do not see Jesus at the end of our race, then it is because we have been pursuing the goal the wrong way. For the Jew, it meant they were running the wrong race.

The Goal = **Righteousness**

Path 1 = **Faith**

Path 2 = The **Law**

The **Verdict** = Righteousness Comes from Faith

**What’s Next?:** By faith, Jesus makes people righteous in principle, but we need to become righteous in practice. 2 Timothy 3.16 says that Scripture is profitable for, among other things, training in righteousness. A recent string of Wednesday night lessons focused on this concept. You can watch the recordings from the “Redeem the Time” series. The March 17th video is a general look at the need for training, and then the March 24th, April 7th, and April 14th videos are more direct). If you would rather read them, you can find the articles at Andy’s blog (fotonni.com) on the dates of March 12, 19, 26, and April 7.

**Prayer:** “Thank You Jesus for running my race. Let my goal be to be fixed on You.”

**Weekly Nugget:** Romans 9.33: The stone motif is found in a number of Old Testament passages (Genesis 49:24; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16; Daniel 2:34–35, 44–45) and is taken up in the New (Matthew 21:42; Luke 20:17–18; Acts 4:11; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:4–8). It does not always have the same significance, but the New Testament writers see Christ as the stone. (1)

(1) Morris, L. (1988). The Epistle to the Romans (p. 376). Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans; Inter-Varsity Press.

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