

▶ 2 Points of Focus from Romans 9-11

1. Addressing the lie that is Replacement Theology (God has rejected Israel & the promises He had for Israel have now been given to the Church - the new Israel or spiritual Israel)
2. Understanding Evangelism & Mission for the Gentile Church on the basis that **Romans 1:16** says that the gospel is the power of God for salvation.. to the Jew first.. & to the Gentiles

▶ Structure of Romans 9-11

1. The theology of Israel's rejection in Romans 9:1-29
2. The explanation of Israel's rejection in Romans 9:30 to 10:21
3. The hope for Israel following their rejection that God outworks in His plan of salvation for mankind in general & for Israel in particular in Romans 11:1-36

▶ The explanation of Israel's rejection in Romans 9:30-10:21

1. The stumbling of God's people Israel - Romans 9:30-10:5
2. Israel's ignorance concerning God's plan of salvation
 - the way of salvation - Romans 10:1-11
 - the nature of salvation - Romans 10:12-13
3. Israel's ignorance of God's purpose in the spread of the gospel - Romans 10:14-21

▶ Isaiah 28:16

Behold, I am the One who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone, of a sure foundation: whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.

▶ Philipians 3:4-6

4. I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
5. circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
6. as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

▶ “knowledge” in the New Testament

gnosis

human, personal, intellectual, rational knowledge

epignosis

epi = upon / **gnosis** = human, personal, intellectual knowledge

- that which is above human, personal, intellectual, rational knowledge
- that which is full & accurate biblical, spiritual knowledge
 - including Spirit-inspired knowledge of truth & biblical doctrine
- that which is spiritually given to the believer & spiritually received

▶ “end” - Greek “telos”

telos can mean **termination**

so..... Jesus the Messiah is the **termination** of the Law

- fulfilled in Christ's death & resurrection
(Galatians 3:10 - Galatians 4:7)

telos can also mean **goal**

so..... Jesus the Messiah is the **goal** of the Law

- fulfilled with the death of Yeshua, the Messiah
(2 Corinthians 3:1-18; Hebrews 7:11-18)

▶ Ephesians 1:16-19

16. I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,
17. that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the **knowledge** of Him,
(epignosis - full & accurate, spiritual & biblical knowledge of Him)
18. having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,
19. and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power..

▶ Ephesians 4:11-14

the ascended Christ has set IN the Church..

apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds & teachers

.. to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, UNTIL we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God

★ UNTIL we all attain to **EPIGNOSIS**

★ UNTIL we all attain to the **FULL & ACCURATE**

- biblical - truthful - spiritual knowledge of the Son of God

▶ 2 Timothy 3:1-7

- lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy..
- having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power

Verse 7: forever inquiring and getting information, but never being able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge (**epignosis**) of the Truth

- never coming to a FULL & ACCURATE - biblical - truthful - spiritual knowledge of the Truth