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"Deal or No Deal"
Romans 9:30-33 (NASB)

Question: How do we know who is chosen and who is not chosen?

Answer: We know who is chosen and who is not chosen by how they respond to Jesus.

NOTE: As we study these verses, remember that Paul is dealing with the Gentiles as a group and with the Jews as a group. He wants us to understand why so many Gentiles believe in Jesus and why so many Jews don't believe in Jesus.

First Group: The Gentiles. (v.30)

The Gentiles were not pursuing righteousness, however, they found it anyway.

Second Group: The Jews. (v. 31-32)

The Jews were pursuing righteousness with a passion by trying to keep the Law but the whole point of the Law was to point to Jesus who would one day fulfill the Law in His life, His death, and resurrection. Consequently, the Jews turned the Old Testament Law into a kind of do-it-yourself religion of works which caused them to miss the righteousness found only in Jesus Christ.

NOTE: We are saved by faith not by religion but we are not saved by faith in religion. We are only saved by faith in Jesus Christ.

Two ways Jesus is Referenced:

1. A stumbling stone of offense (Ro 9:33)
2. A precious cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6)