

The Righteousness from God

Romans 10:1-13

Introduction

I The Heart of Paul for the Jews

- A. He **loved** them – 2 Pet 3:9; Rom 9:1-3
- B. He **prayed** for them
- C. He **understood** them - Acts 22:3; Gal 1:14

II The Reason the Jews Stumbled Over Jesus

- A. They were zealous for God - 1 Tim 1:12; Prov 19:2; Rom 12:11
 - 1. But their zeal was not based on **knowledge** - Hos 4:6
- B. They did not know the righteousness that comes from God
 - 1. They sought to establish their **own** righteousness
 - Rom 9:31-32; Gal 3:24; Phil 3:9
 - 2. They did not submit to **God's** righteousness - Rom 8:7-8

III The Contrast Between the Law and Faith

- A. The righteousness that comes by the Law
 - 1. Christ is the **end** of the law - Matt 5:17; Rom 7:1-4
 - a. That there may be righteousness for everyone who **believes** - Rom 3:22
 - 2. Moses description of righteousness that is by the law
 - a. The man who does these things will **live** by them
 - Lev 18:5; Gal 3:10; James 2:10; Rom 3:20-23
- B. The righteousness that comes by faith
 - 1. It does not require heroic acts - Deut 30:11-14
 - a. Ascending into **heaven** to bring Christ down
 - b. Descending into the **grave** to bring Christ up
 - 2. It is very accessible
 - a. It is in your **mouth**
 - b. It is in your **heart**
 - 3. Its requirements are simple:
 - a. **Confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
 - 1 Cor 12:3; Phil 2:11
 - b. **Believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead - James 2:19; Jn 20:31

- 4. Its results are life changing
 - a. You will be **justified**
 - b. You will be **saved**
 - b. You will never be put to **shame** - Is 28:16

IV The Universal Opportunity for Righteousness

- A. God's righteousness is available to both Jew and Gentile
 - 1. God is **Lord** of all - Rom 3:22-24, 29
 - 2. God richly blesses all who **call** on him
- B. God's righteousness is available to everyone
 - 1. **Everyone** who calls on the Lord will be saved - Joel 3:32

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time to consider the following questions:

- 1. How would you describe your current spiritual relationship with God? Cold? Lukewarm? Boiling hot? According to Rev. 2:4-5 and 3:14-20, what is God's plan for your life? What steps do you need to take to return to a fervent love for God?
- 2. On the basis of Romans 10:1-2, how would you respond to someone who said, "What you believe doesn't matter as long as you believe and are sincere?" [Read Proverbs 19:2]
- 3. According to Paul, in what manner did the Jews seek to be made right before God? What was the problem with this approach? [Hint: Read Romans 3:20; 7:7-11; Galatians 3:24] Is it possible for Christians to make the same mistake? How so?
- 4. While the central affirmation of the early church was "Jesus is Lord", everyone else was saying, "Caesar is Lord". What does it mean to confess, "Jesus is Lord"? How is confession related to "belief"? Who (or what) are some "gods or lords" that compete with your unswerving allegiance to Christ?
- 5. What are the promises that God makes in Romans 10:9-11 to those who believe in and confess Jesus Christ as Lord? Take a moment to thank Him for His great gift and His sure promises!

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