

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

ROMANS 10:1-10

Text:

Introduction:

1. PAUL'S PRAYER – HEARTS DESIRE & PRAYER

Romans 10:1

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2. ISRAEL'S PROBLEM – ZEAL; ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 10:2-3

² For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

The problem this posed for Israel is that by trying to become righteous themselves through the Law, they were actually rebelling against God and His plan to justify men by faith alone. Their religious zeal was actually the source of their damnation.

3. GOD'S PLAN – SALVATION BY FAITH

Romans 10:4-10

⁴For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. ⁵For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) ⁷Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) ⁸But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.