

## **Session #37: “PRAY FOR ISRAEL”—Romans 10:1-4**

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- To what aspect concerning Israel, was Paul’s heart’s desire and prayer to God?
- What does verse 3 tell us regarding Israel’s deficiency in knowing God’s righteousness?
- What does verse 3 tell us regarding Israel’s disobedience to God’s righteousness?
- How many problems can you think of regarding the Law? How many purposes of God?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

#1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - 9:1-33 (How do you deal with the Covenant of God with rejecting Israel?)

#2 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - 10:1-21

#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - 11:1-36

#1 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - Romans 10:1-21

- 1A. THE NATURE OF GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS - ROMANS 10:1-13
  - 2A. THE NECESSITY OF HEARING THE MESSAGE - ROMANS 10:14-21
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***Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.***

1B. The PRAYER of Paul - 10:1 - “for Israel” - cf. Psalm 122:6; Moses prayed for them - Num. 21:7; Samuel prayed - 1 Sam. 7:3-5; 12:22-23; David prayed - 1 Chron. 21:17; Solomon prayed – 1 Kings 8:38-39, 49-52; Nehemiah prayed - Nehemiah 1:5-6, 10

- 1C. It was an inward Desire - “my heart’s desire” - Greek: *eudokia* - used 12 times, usually refers to

God’s will - Eph. 1:5,9; Phil. 2:13

- 2C. It was a strong Dependency upon God - “and prayer to God” - Greek: *deesis* – used 19 times

Cf. Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6 Heb. 5:7; James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:12

- 3C. It was their spiritual Destiny for which he prayed - “that they might be saved” - cf. Rom. 1:16; 9:1-3

***Rom 10:2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.***

***Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.***

2B. The PROBLEM of Israel - 10:2-3

“I bear them witness” - Paul was an eyewitness to it and experienced it himself - cf. Phil. 3:4-6; Gal. 1:13-14

1C. Their Dedication to God was not controlled by biblical revelation - “a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge” - Acts 22:3-5 - Paul was “zealous toward God” (Are we any different today-look at Islam, all religion?)

2C. Their Deficiency in knowing God’s righteousness was based on their own human efforts and traditions - 3a - “being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness” - Matt. 15:3-9; Mark 7:6-13 (Mother Theresa; How are we caring for our parents?)

3C. Their Disobedience to God’s righteousness was rooted in a lack of submission - 3b “have not submitted to the righteousness of God” (How submissive are we to His righteousness? We want to earn it, don’t we?)

**Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end (completion, fulfillment) of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**

3B. The PURPOSE of Jesus Christ - 10:4 - cf. *Romans 3:21-31* - The law demands obedience in what you do; Christ demands faith in what He did! - LEGALISM - (Often a “more” syndrome?) is the belief that keeping the law and its requirements is essential for salvation and spiritual growth (cf. Gal. 3:1-3) ANTINOMIANISM

#### THE PROBLEM WITH THE LAW:

- (1) It cannot give life – 2 Cor. 3:6; Gal. 3:21
- (2) It cannot make us righteous before God - Rom. 3:20, 28; Gal. 2:16
- (3) It cannot take away our sin - Heb. 10:1-4
- (4) It cannot cancel God’s promise to Abraham - Gal. 3:16-17
- (5) It cannot last forever - Heb. 8:6-13

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW:

- (1) It RELATES primarily to Israel, not Gentiles - Rom. 2:14; 9:4 cf. Deut. 4:1, 8, 44-45; 5:1-3; 6:1-4
- (2) It REMOVES our ignorance of sin - Rom. 3:20; 7:7; 1 John 3:4
- (3) It REFLECTS the character of God Himself - Rom. 7:12 - Paul calls it “the law of God” in Rom. 7:22, 25; 8:7
- (4) It REGULATES society - made for unbelievers - 1 Timothy 1:9-10
- (5) It REVEALS our carnality - Rom. 7:14 - cf. 1 Cor. 3:1,3,4
- (6) It REINFORCES our need of a Savior and that justification is by faith alone! - Gal. 2:19-21; 3:19-29; Is. 53