

Romans: Righteousness Revealed
“Do You Know What You Believe?!”
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What do you know about God?

Paul begins chapter 10 with a very PERSONAL reference to his deep LOVE and LONGING for the Israelites.

So Paul has no doubt of the Israelite’s religious SINCERITY.

Two factors in Israel’s present and continuing failure:

1. Israel’s IGNORANCE of the righteousness of God.

(vs 1-4; Prov 19:2; Matt 5:17; Gal 3:24)

- Once again the theme of whose RIGHTEOUSNESS are we seeking is revealed.
- Instead of RECEIVING Christ as their Messiah, they rejected Him and decided to establish their OWN righteousness in order to please God.
- We need to stop being RELIGIOUS and build an authentic RELATIONSHIP with our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Israel’s MISUNDERSTANDING of their own law.
(vs 5-13; Lev 18:5; Deut 30:6; Isa 28:16; Matt 28:18; Luke 10:38-41; Acts 4:12; Rom 1:20)

- Being IGNORANT of God’s righteousness was trouble enough.
- But what they did know about God’s righteousness...they misinterpreted, misunderstood and basically got WRONG.
- The emphasis in Deuteronomy is on the HEART; the inner spiritual condition and not mere outward acts of OBEEDIENCE.
- Once we ACKNOWLEDGE we need saving and ADMIT that we need Jesus, all of God’s freedoms, promises and saving righteousness is ours.
- The man or woman who believes in Jesus as Lord has nothing to FEAR; has nothing to be dismayed about and no SHAME will come upon him.

Opportunity Challenge:

- If what I know and believe about God matters, than what needs to change in me?
- How does what Paul taught us today help me love God more?