

The Tragic Mistake of Israel: Missing God's Righteousness

Romans 10: 01–11

1. *Paul's desire and Israel's mistake*

- a. Paul's desire for Israel's salvation
- b. Israel's mistake:
They have zeal,
but not based on correct knowledge
 - 1) They seek their own righteousness
 - 2) They do not submit to God's righteousness

2. *God's righteousness is Jesus Christ*

3. *God's righteousness is opposed to man's righteousness, to man's way for reaching God*

4. *God's righteousness does not have to seek out a Messiah or a Deliverer (utopia)*

- a. Righteousness is not trying to climb up to heaven
- b. Righteousness is not by descending into the depths to conquer death and hell

5. *God's righteousness and salvation are right before a person*

- a. By confessing Jesus to be the Lord (from heaven, v. 6)
- b. By believing God raised Jesus from the dead (from the depths, v. 7)
- c. By believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth

6. *God's righteousness and salvation deliver a person from shame*

- 1 Brothers,
my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.
- 2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.
- 3 Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.
- 4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.
- 5 Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law:
"The man who does these things will live by them."
- 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says:
"Do not say in your heart,
'Who will ascend into heaven?'"
(that is, to bring Christ down)
- 7 "Or 'Who will descend into the deep?'"
(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
- 8 But what does it say?
"The word is near you;
it is in your mouth and in your heart,"
that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:
- 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
- 11 As the Scripture says,
"Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."