The Tragic Mistake of Israel: Missing God's Righteousness Romans 10:01–13

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

- 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:

- a. By confessingJesus 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
- 7. The Lord treats all men alike
 - a. He makes no distinction between people
 - b. He blesses all who call on Him
- 2. All people are saved by the same promise

- 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."
- 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,
- 13 For,
 "Everyone who calls
 on the name of the Lord
 will be saved."