

- I. Righteousness Cannot Be Attained By Works (9:30-33).**
  - A. To be acceptable to God and have fellowship with him you and I need to be righteous.**
  - B. With the exception of Jesus, not one responsible person has been righteous enough to be acceptable to God (see James 2:10 and Rom. 3:23).**
  - C. Our only hope as sinners is to admit our inability to obey God's commands and accept God's only provision for our sin – the Lord Jesus Christ.**
  - D. To believers, Jesus is the rock of salvation; to unbelievers, Jesus is a stumbling stone.**
- II. Zealots Who Are Ignorant of God Will Perish (10:1-4).**
  - A. The world has always had its share of religious zealots.**
  - B. Unfortunately much of this zeal is accompanied by ignorance – ignorance of the Word and way of the Lord.**
  - C. God wants us to be zealous and knowledgeable – he wants us to know, believe, and act on his Word.**
  - D. There's a difference between knowing about someone and really knowing someone.**
  - E. False religions typically promote a works-based salvation.**
  - F. Jesus came to fill the Scriptures full of meaning – to show and tell us the true meaning of Scripture (see Matt. 5:17).**
  - G. The Bible is still the standard of truth for Christians.**
- III. Call on the Name of Christ and Be Saved (10:5-13).**
  - A. We cannot attain righteousness by works, but we can attain righteousness by faith.**
  - B. Those who are declared righteous by faith don't look for Christ to come and don't look for Christ to be resurrected.**
  - C. Christ has come and has been resurrected; Jesus is the Christ and people need to accept him.**
  - D. To be saved you must say "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that he arose from the dead.**
    - 1. In Paul's day the verbal confession "Jesus is Lord" could result in suffering and even death.**
    - 2. No one would openly confess Jesus as Savior and Lord who was not a true believer.**
  - E. God is no respecter of persons; whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (compare John 6:37,40)!**