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# The Wrong Kind of Righteousness
## Romans 10:1-4

## I. A Heart That Longs for Salvation (v. 1)

A. His deep desire for the _____
(Rom. 9:2-3; Luke 19:41-42; 1 Tim. 1:15)

B. His _____ prayer for their salvation
(1 Tim. 2:1-4; Col. 4:3-4; 2 Thes. 3:1)

## II. A Zeal that Lacks Understanding (vv. 2-3)

A. Their zeal was sincere but _____
(Acts 22:3; Gal. 1:13-14; Phil. 3:4-6)

B. Their ignorance produced stubborn _____
(Jn. 5:39-40; Rom. 2:17-24; Phil. 3:7-9)

## III. A Savior Who Provides Righteousness (v. 4)

A. Christ is the _____ of the law
(Matt. 5:17; Gal. 3:24; Heb. 10:1-10)

B. Christ is the righteousness of everyone who _____
(Rom. 3:21–26; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9)

## TAKE HOME:

- What am I really _____ in to make me right with God—my religious performance or the finished work of Jesus Christ?
- Is there an area of my life where I know God's truth but stubbornly refuse to _____ to His authority?
- Who in my life am I earnestly praying for and actively seeking to _____ with the gospel?

# Application Questions

James 1:22 says, "*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others.

1. Whose salvation do I long for, including people who oppose me? (Rom. 9:2-3; Luke 19:41-42)

2. Who am I praying for by name, and am I also seeking an opportunity to share the gospel with them? (1 Tim. 2:1-4; Col. 4:3-4)

3. Does my passion for God submit to what Scripture reveals about Jesus, or am I relying on religious confidence? (Acts 22:3-4; John 5:39-40)

4. Where might I know the right theological answers without actually trusting Christ? (John 5:39-40; Phil. 3:7-9)

5. What religious achievements am I tempted to count on to make me right with God? (Rom. 9:32; Phil. 3:7-9)

6. Where am I resisting a truth I know because accepting it would require me to give up confidence in myself? (Rom. 2:17-24; Phil. 3:7-9)

7. When I read God's law, do I let it point me to Christ rather than treating obedience as a way to earn righteousness? (Matt. 5:17; Gal. 3:24)

8. Am I resting in Christ's righteousness through faith, or still trying to produce my own? (2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9)

*"The purpose of the law is to reveal sin, to convict and condemn transgressors. It can never impart righteousness. The penalty of the broken law is death. In His death, Christ paid the penalty of the law which men had broken. When a sinner receives the Lord Jesus Christ as His Savior, the law has nothing more to say to him."*

- William MacDonald, *Believer's Bible Commentary*