Paul’s Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God

“A Failure to Believe”

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Romans 10:9-13

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A. The paradoxes and ironies of salvation:
1. Salvation is _________, but it costs _________________.
2. Salvation is available to _____, but ________ receive it.
3. Salvation is something everyone _________, but few ________________ it.

B. Three times in Romans 9:30-10:13 Paul contrasts two kinds of _______________ - one by _________ and the other by the ____________.

C. In chapter 9, Paul focused on God’s ___________ in election, but in chapter 10, Paul focuses on the individual decisions of human beings to _________________.

D. In 9:32-33, Paul gives an illustration of a ___________ who is so intent on pursing a certain goal that he stumbles and falls over a ________ lying in his path.
1. Israel was so myopically concentrating on the law that it missed _________ “the _________” that God placed in her path.

E. Paul knew how ___________ his fellow Jews were, but their zeal was not based on _________________.
1. Paul himself had once been a misguided _________________.

F. The Jews failed to recognize that Jesus was the culmination of God’s _____________.

G. With the coming of the Christ, the goal toward which the ________ had been pointing had been reached and the law had been _________________.

H. The way of righteousness through the gospel is not a complicated set of rules and regulations, but is a sincere ___________ in Jesus.

I. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved - not just ________ or _________________.

J. Paul introduces the idea that ___________ and ________________ are needed, but they don’t guarantee results.

K. Paul wants us to understand that the problem with the ___________ of the Jews wasn’t the fact that they had not been _________.

L. In spite of the fact that God had always loved and been open handed with the Jewish people, they have been a _______________ and _____________ people.

M. Lessons:
1. Zeal without knowledge is ___________ and _________________.
2. We are saved by ___________ through faith, and not by _________________.
3. The ______________ is for _________.
4. We have a responsibility to ___________ the _______________.
5. Each person has the choice to ___________ or to ___________ the gospel.

N. _____ ________, one of America’s greatest baseball players almost waited too long.