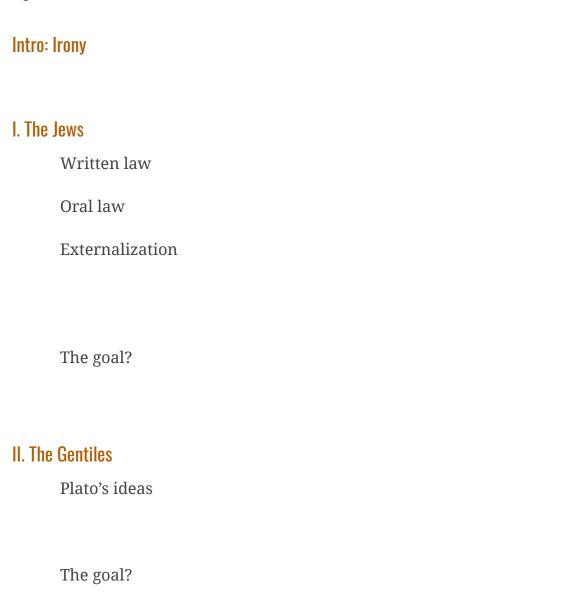# Finding Righteousness

Text: What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. (Romans 9:30-31)

Intro: Irony

I. The Jews

Written law

Oral law

Externalization

The goal?

II. The Gentiles

Plato's ideas

The goal?

III. The Irony

The Jews

The gentiles

IV. The Reason

Covenant of works

Covenant of grace

Application 1: Two Ways to Heaven

Fix _____

A free _____

Application 2: The Jews

Application 3: Christians

A Seeking God

Text: "If you do weesis 4:7)

Article 17: We believe that our good God, by His marvelous wisdom and goodness, seeing that man had plunged himself in this manner into both physical and spiritual death and made himself completely miserable, set out to find him, though man, trembling all over, was fleeing from Him. And He comforted him, promising to give him His Son, "born of a woman," to crush the head of the serpent, and to make him blessed.

Intro: A Seeking God

What man does

What God does

I. The Situation

Irritation

Pharisee's approach to Christian living

II. The Pharisee Approach

in the Old Testament: Proverbs 1:10–19; 2:12–15; 4:14–17; Psalm 1:1

in the New Testament: Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 15:33.

III. Jesus' Approach

Yes and no

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)

Application 1: God's love

Application 2: God's seeking

Application 3: What to do?

Application 4: Joy

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!