

Adult Sunday School Lesson
Nassau Bay Baptist Church
August 16, 2020

Read Romans 10:1-13

Desire and Prayer—v. 1

What would deeply please Paul, and that which is his personal and urgent heart petition to God is that Israel, his brothers and sisters, God's chosen people, would be saved. See Romans 9:1-3—Is there anyone for whom I would be willing to say, "Father, please send me to Hell for eternity so that [Insert Name] would spend eternity with you."

Zeal in Ignorance—vv. 2-3a

Ignorance—Greek, *agnoountes*. (Connected to English, "agnostic.")

Sidebar

While Israel was ignorant, without knowledge, of God's righteousness, let's take a moment to talk about the modern ignorance and denial of God, called atheism.

Two Kinds of Atheists

1. Confessional—One who openly states and believes the Creator God does not exist. This is a very modern position, virtually unknown in the world until AD 1674. It is a position of prosperity and arrogance.
2. Practical—One who will not deny God's existence openly, but acts as though it is true.
 - Three types:
 - a. Agnostic—Claims not to know, or in some cases, really does not know.
 - Two types:
 - i. Seeking—Would accept truth if presented with it.
 - ii. Denying—Has not intent of finding truth. Prefers non-committal position.
 - b. Christian Atheist—Confesses God's existence, but lives apart from God.
 - Two types:
 - i. Church Member—Talks the talk. Might be trying to maintain Fire insurance.
 - ii. Non-Church Member—Many reasons for this position.
 - c. False Religionist—Worships and serves false god.
 - Two types:
 - i. Knowing—Know of Creator God and deny.
 - ii. Ignorant—Do not know of Creator God. (See Romans 1:18-32)

Ignorant of God's Righteousness—v. 3

What is the righteousness of God?

- God's standard for man to be right with Him—1 Timothy 6:11; Matthew 6:33; James 1:20
- Jesus—1 Corinthians 1:30
- Us in Christ—2 Corinthians 5:21

Of what was Israel ignorant?

- ❖ That righteousness comes by faith and not by what one does. (“... to everyone who believes.” v. 4)

Not of the law—we cannot live by the law. Only death comes through the law. (vv. 5-7)

- True righteousness, by faith, says, “You cannot climb to righteousness. You cannot descend to righteousness.”

Only of faith—submission, obedience, trust, agreement with God. (vv. 8-13)

- Agree and continue to agree with your mouth that Jesus is Lord.
- Faith in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead. (Changes everything!)
- Saved = Be made righteous.
- Heart faith produces righteousness.
- Mouth confession produces salvation.
- NOT two parts. Two aspects of the same thing.
 - Faith without confession is vain.
 - Confession without faith is empty.
- Call upon the Lord (in faith, in confession).
- Call upon the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. (See Matthew 28:18.)