

REASONS FOR ISRAEL'S PRESENT REJECTION

(Romans 10:1-4)

I. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED THROUGH ISRAEL (9:1-11:36)

A. Israel's PAST Election by God (Romans 9)

B. Israel's PRESENT Rejection of God (Romans 10)

1. Paul's Desire and Prayer for Israel's Salvation (10:1)

a. The apostle's fellow Israelites were certainly _____, but they were entirely _____ and desperately needed to be _____ by God's grace.

b. In light of what Paul wrote earlier (9:1-3), it is clear that he _____ for the salvation of his fellow Jews.

* Because God already knows who will get saved, does it really make any sense to pray for people's salvation?

2. Israel's Zeal and Ignorance of the Righteousness of God (10:2-4)

a. While Israel had a _____ toward the Lord, they ultimately lacked a _____ of the truth. (v. 2)

* From God's perspective, is there any virtue in religious zeal apart from biblical truth?

b. Religious Jews were _____ of the fact that when it came to _____, God was the standard, and He was looking for perfection. (v. 3a)

- c. The Jews _____ to establish their _____ righteousness, and of course this did not work. (v. 3b)
- d. “Submitting” to the righteousness of God means believing that God’s righteousness is _____ and it is _____ by our own self efforts. (v. 3c)
- e. God’s righteousness can _____ be _____ through faith alone in Christ alone as a free _____ of God’s matchless grace. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- f. “*Christ is the end of the law*” in this regard, the purpose of the Law was multi-faceted...
- 1) The Law displayed that God is _____, and His standard is _____.
 - 2) The Law presented the case that people are _____ falling _____ of God’s perfection; and _____ of _____ can save ourselves through human effort. (3:10-20, 23; Titus 3:5)
 - 3) “*Therefore the Law was our _____ to _____ us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*” (Gal. 2:16; 3:19, 24-25)

* How can all of this apply to your life today?