

Placerita Bible Church
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Israel's Self-Righteousness Debunked | Romans 10:1-13

In Romans 10:1–13, Paul deconstructs Israel's self-righteousness so that his hearers would grasp that God's righteousness is purely based on faith and not human effort

How does Paul do this you may ask? He does so by emphasizing four specific details that reveal why Israel misunderstood God's righteousness.

1) C _____ I _____ — vv. 1 – 4

They were guilty of self-righteousness. A false kind of righteousness that seeks to hide the vileness of man by outward actions that present themselves as an expression of obedience, yet it is not genuine. This is not genuine faith. What is genuine salvific faith? What constitutes saving faith?

There are three ingredients to true faith, true faith engages your head, your heart and your will.

- *Notitia* — This involves cognitive knowledge or recognition of the facts of redemption. We can refer to this as C _____ A _____
- *Assensus* — This is the intellectual affirmation of known facts. Genuine faith says that the content, the notitia is true. This is approbation and approval of the facts. This can be referred to as C _____ A _____
- *Fiducia* — is a personal trust and reliance. Faith is effectual only when one personally trusts in Christ alone for salvation. This can be referred to as C _____ A _____

2) C _____ I _____ — vv. 5 – 8

Scripture says there are two essentials that cannot be circumvented if wicked sinners are to be justified in the eyes of a Holy God. Paul wants you to see the sheer impossibility of self-justification before God. Salvation is one massive miracle. You are a miracle of mercy and a gift of grace! If someone came to you and said in one phrase describe yourself, your response ought to be I am a miracle of mercy! Divine mercy brought me about.

- (i) Incarnation — v. 6
- (ii) Resurrection — v. 7

Who but God can bring these two about? So only God can justify, and only God's righteousness can save. Human effort is a waste of time!!!

3) C _____ I _____ — vv. 9 – 10

Verse 9 and 10 reveal another detail that Israel failed to grasp. The outward demonstration is a manifestation or an expression of an inward reality. You only confess with your mouth what you have believed in your heart.

4) C _____ I _____ — vv. 11 – 13

Israel did not see this. The Jews missed it! They did not understand the scope to which the righteousness of God would extend. The Jewish religious establishment wanted to monopolize righteousness, yet it was crystal clear even in the Old Testament that God's agenda was to redeem people from all nations.

Heaven has pronounced itself on this matter with finality in our text today it is exceedingly evident that, no human effort could ever merit the pardon necessary to be righteous in the eyes of a Holy God.