

### Whose Righteousness

- Paul is being consistent in sharing his desire for Israel's salvation
  - Romans 9:1-3
- Why do people struggle with salvation by grace?
  - We live in a world that is performance driven
  - If you can work for your salvation then it is not by God by grace.
  - Salvation has to come by grace because we are ALL sinners

#### I. Paul's desire - (1)

- A. It is God's desire
  - 1. 1 Timothy 2:3-6
  - 2. Titus 2:11-14
  - 3. 2 Peter 3:9
- B. Should be our desire and prayer for all
  - 1. Proverbs 11:30
  - 2. Matthew 28:19-20

#### II. Zeal is no substitute for knowledge - (2)

- A. "I bear them record" - Paul had been there and done that
  - 1. He had lived a life zealous for the law of God – Philippians 3:4-7
  - 2. Found it empty, then he met Jesus!
- B. Ignorant of God's righteousness - (3a)
- C. Sought the wrong righteousness - (3b)
  - 1. A self-produced righteousness can never equal God's righteousness.
  - 2. If you are seeking God's righteousness through your own righteousness you have self-righteousness and you are seeking the wrong righteousness!
- D. Needed the right righteousness - (3c)
  - 1. God's righteousness, anything else falls flat on its face as incomplete
  - 2. Consider this young man - Luke 18:18-22
    - a. He had the right question – (18)
    - b. Lord gives the right answer; keep the law - (19-20)
    - c. He had a good life - (21)
    - d. He had the wrong righteousness - (22)
  - 3. God's righteousness comes only through His grace - 2 Corinthians 5:21

#### III. Jesus is the answer - (4)

- A. Christ is the end of the law FOR righteousness
  - 1. Jesus Christ's offering for our sin ended the need for law for righteousness
  - 2. Christ is our sacrifice for sin
- B. How can a person receive God's righteousness without working for it?
  - 1. Answer - Christ provides a righteousness for all who believe
  - 2. It comes through grace by faith! - Ephesians 2:8-9