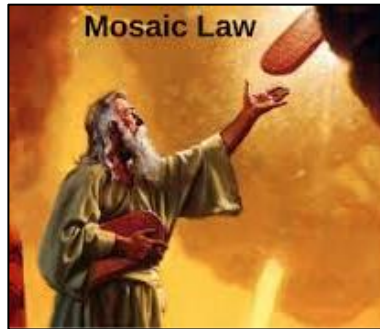


# ROMANS

## PART 13: ISRAEL'S MISPLACED ZEAL

Romans Chapter 10

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Israel had an enthusiastic zeal for keeping the Mosaic Law but it was misplaced because it was not based on a knowledge of the Law's purposes.

### A. CENTRAL QUESTION

What mistake did Israel make by placing their zeal on keeping the Mosaic Law?

### B. THE SEVEN PURPOSES OF THE MOSAIC LAW

S. Michael Houdmann describes the following seven purposes of the Mosaic law:

1. The Law revealed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the eternal God to the nation of Israel (Leviticus 19:2; 20:7–8).
2. The Law set apart the \_\_\_\_\_ as distinct from all the other nations (Exodus 19:5).
3. The Law revealed the \_\_\_\_\_ of man (cf. Galatians 3:19). Although the Law was good and holy (Romans 3:20, 7:12; Acts 13:38–39), it did not provide salvation for the nation of Israel.
4. The Law provided forgiveness through the sacrifice/offerings (Leviticus 1—7) for the people of Israel who had \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The law provided a \_\_\_\_\_ for the community of faith through the yearly feasts (Leviticus 23).
6. The Law provided God's direction for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation (Exodus 21—23; Deuteronomy 6:4–19; Psalm 119:97–104).
7. The Law caused people, after Christ came, to see that they couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ but needed to accept Christ as personal Savior, for He had fulfilled the Law in His life and paid the penalty for our breaking it in His death, burial, and bodily resurrection (Galatians 3:24; Romans 10:4).

## C. CHAPTER 10 OUTLINE

1. Israel's misplaced zeal (10:1-3)
  - Their zeal was not based on knowledge (10:1-2a)
  - Their zeal was based on becoming righteous by keeping the Law (10:2b-3)
2. God's provision for righteousness by faith (10:4-15)
  - Two righteousnesses compared: external vs. internal (10:4-10)
  - The way of faith (10:11-15)
3. Israel's hardness in unbelief (10:16-21)
  - The message to Israel (10:16-20)
  - Israel's rejection (10:21)

## D. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Paul states that the Israelites had zeal but no knowledge (10:2). In your opinion do most Christians today study God's Word regularly? Why or why not?
2. Paul points out how the Israelites tried to obtain their own righteousness through the external keeping of the Law (10:3). Even though Christians today know that they saved through God's grace by faith in Jesus Christ, why do some still feel they must earn their salvation?
3. What did Paul mean by, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Rom. 10:15 NIV)
4. In what ways do people today come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?
5. Romans 10:9 says, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Does this mean a person is not saved if they don't publicly declare their belief in Jesus?

## E. CONCLUSIONS

1. We are to have a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word.
2. We are no longer under the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We are to spread \_\_\_\_\_ while there is still time.