

MISGUIDED ZEAL
IS WORTHLESS
Romans 9:30-10:4

I. Righteousness Obtained without even Trying? – vs. 30

Diókhō - to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after; to press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal

Ephesians 2:1-9

Romans 5:6-11

Colossians 2:13-14

Katalambánō – to lay hold of; to lay hold as to make one's own; to seize upon; to take possession of

II. Righteousness not Obtained by Sincerely Pursuing the Law - vs. 31-32a

Romans 2:17-24

Romans 3:21-23

Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 38-42, 43-46, 48

James 2:8-11

Ephesians 2:8-9

III. Missing the Rock of Salvation – vs. 32b-33

1 Corinthians 1:22-23

Isaiah 28:16, 8:14

IV. Paul's Desire for His Kinsmen Repeated – vs. 1

Romans 9:1-3

Eudokía – desire; good pleasure; will

Kardía – the locus of a person's thoughts, volition, emotions; inner self or being

Déēsis – plea; an earnest and urgent request; entreaty; prayer

Luke 23:34

Acts 7:60

Romans 1:16-17

Sōtēria - deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation

V. Misguided Zeal – vs. 2

Zēlos – excessive fervor to do something or to accomplish some end; excitement of mind, enthusiasm, fervor of spirit

Galatians 1:13-14

Philippians 3:5-6

Acts 22:3

Epígnōsis - precise and correct knowledge; definite knowledge, full knowledge

Ephesians 1:17-18

VI. Ignorantly Self-Righteous – vs. 3

Agnoéō - to be ignorant, not to know; not to understand

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Matthew 5:48

1 Peter 1:16

VII. Christ is the Only Answer! – vs. 4

Matthew 5:20

Matthew 9:11-12

Philippians 3:5-9

Isaiah 64:6

John 3:16

1 Peter 2:4-10

Closing Thought: Every person that has yet to understand their need for a Savior, because they cannot work their way into right standing with God, is still lost. No matter how confident they are in their righteousness, they are confidently wrong. Zealousness doesn't save anyone, if their zeal is misguided. We must call self-righteous sinners to repent and believe in Jesus.