-Romans 10:1-4

-Counterfeit Righteousness Vs. True Righteousness

-Romans 1:16-17 (LSB) 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE **RGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH."**



-Romans 3:9-12 (LSB) 9 What then? Are we better? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; 10 as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; 11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; 12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE **BECOME WORTHLESS; THERE IS NONE WHO** DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."



-Romans 9:1-3 (LSB) 1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh,



-To whom and of whom is Paul speaking?

-"Brothers" = fellow believers; men

and women; Jews and Gentiles.



-Romans 9:22-24 (LSB) 22 And what if God, wanting to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath having been prepared for destruction, 23 and in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory-- 24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles?



-Galatians 3:27-28 (LSB) 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ







-9:3 "...my brothers, my kinsmen

according to the flesh."



-Familial connection

-Romans 3:1-2 (LSB) 1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.



-Romans 9:1-5 (LSB) 1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.



-Paul's burden

-Romans 10:1 (YLT) Brethren, the pleasure indeed of my heart, and my supplication that is to God for Israel, is -- for salvation;



-Acts 9:13-14 (LSB) 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem. 14 "And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."



-Acts 9:26-27 (LSB) 26 And when he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and recounted to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.



-Galatians 1:13-14 (LSB) 13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being far more zealous for the traditions of my fathers.



-Philippians 3:5-6 (LSB) 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.



-Acts 22:3-5 (LSB) 3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but having been brought up in this city, having been instructed at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strictness of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today, 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering both men and women into prisons, 5 as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brothers, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.



-The cause of this problem

-Isaiah 5:12-13 (LSB) 12 ... But they do not look upon the deeds of Yahweh, Nor do they see the work of His hands. 13 Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge...



-Hosea 4:6 (LSB) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, l also will reject you from ministering as My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I Myself also will forget your chidren.



-Matthew 15:7-9 (LSB) 7 "You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 8 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, **BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM** ME. 9 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDS OF MEN."



-Romans 1:18-20; 28-32 (LSB) 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, both His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse...







-28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them over to an unfit mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, violent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the righteous requirement of <u>God</u>, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.



-Isaiah 64:6 (LSB) For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.



-The cure for their plight

-Matthew 5:17-18 (LSB) 17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until al is accomplished.



-God will not accept counterfeit righteousness on Judgement Day!



