

God's Righteousness  
Romans 10:1-8**Prayer for Salvation (v. 1)**

- *"My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved"*: Because God is sovereign in salvation we should be moved to pray (Matthew 9:37-38). Paul had a deep desire to see the salvation of his people. He longed for his kinsmen to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (Romans 9:1-3).
  - Are we emotionally moved to prayer by the anguish and sorrow in our hearts over the condition of the lost?

**Worthless Zeal (v. 2-3)**

- *"They have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge"*: Paul knew from his own experience that this was the case for the people of Israel (Acts 26:4-11; Galatians 1:13-14; Philippians 3:4-6). They had a zeal according to the knowledge of men, not the knowledge of God. Any zeal that is not based on the truth of God's Word will only lead to destruction and condemnation.
- *"Ignorant of the righteousness of God... seeking to establish their own"*: The people of Israel, due to their lack of understanding, saw God's law as a means to gain their own righteousness. They twisted and added to God's Word in order to redeem themselves.

**Saved by (Christ's) Works (v. 4-5)**

- *"Christ is the end of the law for righteousness"*: Jesus Christ is the "goal" and "termination" of the law with respect to righteousness (Romans 3:21-26; 8:1-4) We are no longer under the condemnation of the law, but the law still reveals who God is and can give wisdom to the believer (1 Timothy 1:8-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- *"The person who does the commandments shall live by them"*: (Leviticus 18:5) God's standard is perfection (Matthew 5:48; Galatians 3:10; James 2:10). The Law of God reveals His divine holiness and our utter sinfulness (Romans 3:20). Because of our sin the Law can only bring death (Romans 7:11-12).

**The Simple Message of the Gospel (v. 6-8)**

- *"Who will ascend... who will descend...?"*: (Deuteronomy 30:11-14) Paul again uses the Old Testament to show that we can do nothing to achieve salvation. Not only is it impossible to keep the Law to be saved, but we cannot complete any kind of extraordinary journey or feat to find salvation.
- *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"*: God, in His grace, has revealed Himself to man. He has not hidden Himself from us (Romans 1:19-20).
- *"The word of faith that we proclaim"*: The "word of faith" is simply God's Word; the message of salvation in Christ alone (1 Corinthians 15:1-11).
  - Do you proclaim it to others?

*"A theology that does not reflect genuine, heartfelt compassion for the lost and a deep desire for their salvation is a theology that is unbiblical." - John MacArthur*

*"The central truth about justification is not so high or abstract or deep or profound as to be beyond our understanding." - R.C. Sproul*

**Worship:** Your Love Oh Lord (Third Day)      Crown Him (Citizens)  
Lord From Your Sorrows Deep I Call (Matt Boswell)      **Closing Song:** In Tenderness (The Sing Team)

## **Announcements:**

**\*Volunteers:** We have a couple of wonderful opportunities for our church members to get involved in serving our church body:

1. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!

2. HOSPITALITY MINISTRY: We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with providing snacks in the lobby before the worship service. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions, please talk to Madison!

**\*New Members Meeting:** If you are interested in or have any questions about Church Membership, we will be having a short New Members Meeting **TONIGHT** immediately following the worship service!

**\*Heartbeats Donations:** We are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats throughout the months of May and June. Heartbeats is doing a Virtual Bottles for Life 2021 Campaign that runs from Mothers Day, May 9th, through Fathers Day, June 20th. Their goal this year is \$99,000, to cover all medical services for 2021. A woman is 80% more likely to choose life when she sees her baby on an ultrasound! We have a collection container on the back table, this is NOT our normal offering container! Throughout May and June you can choose to bring your monetary donations and put them into the container, and we will give that to Heartbeats by June 20th. OR you can give electronically, directly to Heartbeats, the giving information is on the card in front of the collection container on the back table.

**\*Fellowship Dinner:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, May 23rd, immediately following the worship service! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something for the dinner. We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy dinner and fellowship with us!

**\*HeartCry Missionary Society:** In 2 weeks, Sunday, May 30th, there will be a representative from HeartCry Missionary Society coming to visit our church. This is one of the missionary ministries that we currently support as a church body. The HeartCry Missionary Society works with indigenous missionaries whom God has raised up for Himself in some of the most remote places on the earth. It is their goal to provide whatever training and resources necessary to advance the Gospel through these indigenous missionaries around the world. We are looking forward to having a representative from HeartCry visit us and share with us all the ways in which God is working in and through them!