

"ZEALOUS IGNORANCE"
ROMANS 10:1-5

I. RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WHO ARE ZEALOUS FOR GOD, ARE MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, IGNORANT OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (10:2)

A. They Are Not Necessarily Confused About The Attribute

B. They Are Confused About Paul's Use Of The Term

1. Romans 1:16-17

- a. The "Righteousness Of God" Is Revealed In The Gospel**
- b. The "Righteousness Of God" Is What Makes The Gospel Powerful Unto Salvation**

2. Romans 3:21-22

The "Righteousness Of God" Is The Message That God, Himself Provides Men's righteousness

II. RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WHO ARE ZEALOUS FOR GOD, BUT WHO ARE IGNORANT OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY WHAT THEY DO AND DO NOT DO (10:3-5)

A. They Make Every Effort To Establish In The Eyes Of Others That They Are Righteous (10:3a)

B. They Will Not Submit To The Righteousness Which Has Its Source In God Himself (10:3b)

1. They Are Fools To Remain Obstinate Since Christ Is The End Of The Law (10:4)

2. They Are Fools To Remain Obstinate Because They Will Forever Pursue An Impossible Ideal (10:5)

**"WHY DOES GOD PERMIT THE PERCEPTION
OF
AMBIGUITY IN SCRIPTURE?"**

- I. IT FORCES HIS PEOPLE TO DILIGENTLY SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.**
- II. DILIGENT STUDY BRINGS PEOPLE TO A PLACE WHERE TRUTH BECOMES THEIR OWN, AS OPPOSED TO A DETACHED, ABSTRACT CONCEPT.**
- III. THE PURSUIT OF SOLVING THE AMBIGUITY CAUSES ONE'S MIND TO BE FILLED WITH THE WORD OF GOD.**
- IV. ONE'S WILLINGNESS OR UNWILLINGNESS TO ACTUALLY WRESTLE WITH A TEXT BECOMES AN ACID TEST OF WHETHER ONE IS REALLY INTERESTED IN SCRIPTURE OR NOT.**
- V. WHEN THE PROBLEM IS EVENTUALLY SOLVED, THE MINING PROCESS WILL HAVE PROVEN TO PAY RICH DIVIDENDS.**