

**"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.**