

Romans 10:1-13 • When Man Loves the Rules More than the Ruler

1. (v.1) This is primarily an issue about salvation.
2. (v.2) Zeal for God cannot make up for the proper application of the biblical definition of "knowledge".
3. (v.3-4) When the rules are followed rather than the Ruler, misapplication of the Law results.
4. (v.5-6a) The problem is subscribing to a doctrine that righteousness is based on the Law when it is based on faith.
5. (v.6-8) The problem expands so that there is no effort to seek God on His terms, instead insisting it comes on one's own terms.
6. (v.8-10) It is not enough to believe in Christ's existence, but to engage the Word of faith not just through confessing Christ as Lord, but faith in His death and resurrection.
7. (v.11-13) The biblical definition of "to call" on Christ's name is not merely invoking His name, but to do so believing in the work of the cross.
8. (Mt. 7:21-23) Invoking Jesus' name has no value if the heart and mind is not circumcised for God so as to confess Him as Ruler and Risen Son. Failure to do so is biblically defined as "lawlessness" because the Law only comes through a right relationship with Christ, not merely using His name.