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## The Righteousness of Faith:

Pursuit - Establishment - Contrast - Availability

### Hearing the Text:

*Rom 10:1-4 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. (2) For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. (3) For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. (4) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

### Laying Out the Text:

#### Observation 1: An Unhindered Prayer

*Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.*

#### Observation 2: An Unmatched Passion

*(2) For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.*

#### Observation 3: An Unsubmissive Pursuit

*(3) For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. (4)*

#### Observation 4: An Undeniable Provision

*(4) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

### Making Use of the Text:

Use 1: Our prayers for our fellow man should in no way be hindered, but rather encouraged by the sovereignty of God in the electing of sinners for salvation.

Use 2: The zeal of our fellow man, especially that zeal offered in behalf of the name of God should be no cause for us to offer scorn, but rather an encouragement to our own passion and seen as the provision of an opportunity to exhort them to inflame their passion with truth.

Use 3: Those who live in the darkness of unbelief need our compassion, not our condemnation, being in rebellion to the righteousness of God due to ignorance caused by their zealous pursuit of their own righteousness.

Use 4: We must endeavor and be zealous ourselves to turn men by the power of God from ladder climbers in pursuit of their own righteousness, into lovers of a righteousness found in Christ alone which is full, final, and free.