The Book of Romans

This Week: Lesson: Romans Chapter 10

Next Week: **Homework Scripture Read:** Romans Chapter 11

Lesson Text:

Romans 9:30-33   Israel attempts righteousness by works
Romans 10:1-4   Self-righteous focus prevented submission to God
Deuteronomy 30:1-6, 10-14
Romans 10:5-8   Legalism vs. Personal obedience through faith
                                          vs 5 – the Jews striving in the Law cannot be successful
                                          vs 6-8 – faith based righteousness is readily available
Romans 10:9-13   Salvation by faith and repentance, Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 66:18
Romans 10:14-16, 17-21   The gospel and those "disobedient and obstinate people"

Discussion:

- **Discuss** the distinction between Leviticus 18:5 and Deuteronomy 30:10-14, as attempts at righteousness with and without a personal relationship with God.
- **Discuss** inseparability of saving faith and repentance (compare 10:9-13 with John 3:3,16, 36 and John 5:24).
    - Nature of God, separation is by sin - You cannot have unholy communion with God, because His presence is holy – when we approach His throne in prayer, we are compelled to either repent or retreat!
    - Jesus was the Lamb of God, the Sacrifice for the sins of the world, not a judgment on the world for sin – a lamb is not being judged and punished when sacrificed, it is offered with repentance in worship to God.
    - God turns a deaf ear to unrepentant sacrifices and prayer:
      Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 66:18
    - John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord, focused on repentance and remission of sin – Luke 3:3
- **Note** the difference between Israel as a national race and individual Israelites, many of whom accepted Christ and comprised the core membership of early churches.
- **Discuss** the link between the biblical Jewish rejection of Christ and the doctrines of anti-Semitism initiated by Martin Luther and embraced by Hitler's regime, and proper Christian attitude towards both Israel as a national race, and as individuals.

Open Question:

In what ways is personal self-righteousness an obstacle between God and the modern Christian?