

## Passion and Knowledge

Romans 10:1-4

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

### Fences

- Paul again opens up about his desire for his fellow Israelites to be saved – 10:1 *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.*
- They have a passion for God without an accurate knowledge of God – 10:2 *For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.*

Then (Pharisees): God's Word is so supreme that I need to create a system of laws to fortify God's Word and punish those who disagree.

Now (Sexually confused totalitarianism): My feelings/urges are so supreme that they cannot be questioned. Therefore, I need to create a system of laws to fortify what I feel and punish those who disagree.

Judges 21:25 *In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

- They built a system – 10:3 *For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.*

Q: How did they build their religious system?

- Willful rejection of the Truth.
  - Seeking to put into force their own standard.
  - Refusing to submit to God's standard.
- They missed the point of everything – 10:4 *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

Religious fences that keep people from Jesus Christ

- Gotta do your part: My work + Jesus' work.
- Family tradition: Family's word over Jesus' Word.
- Be nice & don't judge...and that's it: Apostate church leader's word over Jesus' Word

Non-religious fences that keep people from Jesus Christ

- Paper-thin philosophical arguments.
- Love of money.
- Sexual anarchy and intolerant intolerance.
- People pleasing (fear of man vs. fear of God).

Matthew 6:33-34 *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

<sup>34</sup> *"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*