

“Christ, the End of the Law”
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: Paul’s desire is that his people look to Jesus for their righteousness.

Jesus is the end of the law for righteousness. But this Jesus who isn’t only the end of all things, he’s also the beginning. He’s both creator and culmination of all time. He’s both the Lawgiver and the Aim of the Law. This is something Paul wishes his own people would realize. They seek, in their own strength, to follow the Law, and their end-goal is to be called “righteous.” Yet, they’ve missed the mark. A sad truth when we also consider some of our own friends and loved ones who are working so hard to be right and to do right. Yet, in the end, if they don’t repent and believe, they’ll experience the destiny of the unrighteous. So, God puts us to work to tell the truth and to preach the gospel, so that the lost can be redeemed.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 10:1-4** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **“Christ, the End of the Law.”**

DIG IN

1. Paul’s Desire (Romans 10:1)

Why is it significant that Paul calls his readers “brothers?”

Who is the “them” of Romans 10:1? What is Paul’s desire for them? Why is preventing them from fulfilling Paul’s desire?

2. Israel’s Problem (Romans 10:2-3)

What was the zeal that Paul’s kinsmen had? Why was that borne out of their ignorance?

What was Israel ignorant of? In what ways do we or our loved ones sometimes have an “ignorant” zeal? Why is that a problem?

In what ways do people often try to establish their own righteousness? What does that look like?

Describe the self-righteousness exhibited by the unbelieving Israelites. Why is it so hard to submit to God’s righteousness?

3. Christ’s Solution (Romans 10:4)

What are some ways that Jesus Christ is the “end of the law?”

In what way is belief in God the pathway to God’s righteousness? How does self-righteousness hinder faith?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?