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**.