

Why Israel Was Rejected Romans 10:1-4

v. 1 In English, the word "desire" is neutral—we can have good and bad desires. The Gk. word here means to desire with a kind disposition. It literally means "good thoughts."

If God is sovereign in salvation, why pray for the lost?

Prayer keeps our attitude right about

- _____
- _____
- and _____

so that we sow the seeds of the gospel

- in _____
- with _____
- and by _____.

v. 2 Not according to knowledge—Passionate for the wrong things, pursuing the wrong things. The usual Gk word for "knowledge" is *gnosis*. But here it is *epignosis*: revealed knowledge, world-view, and proper understanding.

The Jews were trying to keep the Law. What's wrong with trying to obey God's Law?

Nothing, in itself. The problem is not that the Law is bad, but that it's _____.

v. 3 The _____ we need is a gift.

Why didn't they know? Because they didn't have the New Testament?

- The passages Paul quotes in the following passage are all from the Old Testament.
- Throughout the New Testament Paul quotes OT passages in support of justification by faith alone.
- Ps. 40:4, 6, 11. As early as King David, this was inscripturated.
- Hosea 4:6. They rejected it. They were ignorant in that they ignored it.

v. 4 Those who receive the gift of righteousness by faith in Christ no longer seek to establish their own. In what ways do we Christians today seek to establish our own righteousness?