



# Nothing To Do

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**ROMANS:** **The Righteousness  
of God Revealed**



## ***Romans 10:1-13***

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



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5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say?



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13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



**If we get that good intentions are not enough, that right thinking is essential to faith, that trusting Jesus is the only way to be declared righteous, then we are convinced that the way of faith is totally incompatible with attempting to earn God's favor through our efforts.**



# The Way of Effort

- **Works is an approach.**
- **Most people are using it.**
- **To be effective, we must do it perfectly.**



## ***Philippians 3:4-6***

4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

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# The Way of Faith

- **No work involved. (Jesus did it all.)**
- **Faith is it.**
- **Faith gets expressed.**
- **Offered to all.**
- **All who trust get rich.**

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## ***Romans 9:30-31***

30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.



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