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**Romans 10:4**

*Christ Our Righteousness*

INTRO

**I. CHRIST AND THE LAW.**

    A. Christ is the end of the law for righteousness. The word "end" in Greek is telos. It occurs 40 times in the NT, 14 times in Paul. This is a MUCH DEBATED verse with many different interpretations focussed on the meaning of the word "end".

        1) termination. Cf. 1 Cor. 15:24.

        2) goal. Cf. 1 Tim. 1:5.

        3) fulfillment of the law for righteousness. Mt. 5:17.

            a) He fulfilled all the righteousness of the law Himself. Mt. 3:15; Ps. 40:8; 2 Cor.                     5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 Jn. 3:5.

            b) He bore all of our unrighteousness on the cross. 1 Pet. 2:24. "It is finished"                     is when Christ accomplished this on the cross and His resurrection is                     the proof.

            c) His righteousness is given in salvation/justification.

**II. CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THE BELIEVER.**

        "to everyone who believes."

    A. Faith is the only means of receiving this gift.

        1) A personal application.

        2) Faith receives the gift of righteousness: (contra Rom. Catholic; New Perspective)

            - regardless of past.

            - personal faith.

            - not based on size of faith.

            - faith brings a new life.

    B. Pictures of Christ’s righteousness in the Bible.

        1) The tunic of fine linen worn by both Aaron and his sons (Ex. 28:39-43).

        2) Joshua the high priest (Zech. 3:3-5).

        3) The elect in Isa. 61:10.

        4) The prodigal son (Lk. 15:20-23).

        5) The wedding guest not properly dressed (Mt. 22:11-14).

        6) 1 Cor. 1:21; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 3:21-28; 4:3-12; 5:1,17-19, etc.

**CONCLUSION**