

SMALL GROUP LESSON

DECEMBER 10, 2017

GETTING WHAT WE DO NOT DESERVE

ROMANS 9:30 -10:13 AND MATTHEW 5:17-20

This week's sermon speaks about two different kinds of treasures. It raises the question as to which one we should select and what we should do with it once it has been selected. With that in mind let's take a look at these questions.

1. Based upon the two treasure stories in the sermon, which treasure did Paul find and which one did his fellow Jewish people seek to discover? According to Matthew 5:20, why did Jesus say that people needed to possess a righteousness greater than that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law?
2. In the beginning of chapter 10, Paul speaks about the zeal of the Jewish people. When is zeal a good thing and when can it become a bad thing? Should Christians be zealous and if so how should their zeal be expressed?
3. There is one major difference between Christianity and all of the other world's great religions. What is that difference? Read Romans 10:9-10. Has Christianity at times forgotten or disregarded this major difference?
4. In Romans 9:3, Paul stated that he was willing to be cursed, separated eternally from God, for the sake of his fellow Jews. Do we have an obligation to share Christ with the Jewish people? Down through the centuries since Christ's birth, have we done a very good job of sharing Christ with them? Or have God's people, on many occasions, done just the opposite?
5. If faith in Christ is like a precious treasure, what should we do with it? Should we hoard it or share it? Have you shared your faith in Christ with someone? Do you know how? What will happen in the future with regards to Christianity if we are not willing to share our faith with others?