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**Sermon – Romans: My Pet God**

**Scripture – Romans 10**

**Main Message – People are hardwired to want a God, but a God of their own creation.**

This chapter has some of the most potent statements regarding the Romans Road to salvation. Paul is using Old Testament scripture time and time again to show that God Always had a plan for Christ to help us to fulfill the law in the only way possible. Fulfillment of anything means complete. We could not keep the law perfectly and so we were doomed to failure. But God brought to life the Good News, Jesus Christ.

People are dense. God has made salvation easily understood. He did all the work. All we got to do is what **Romans 10:9** says. Even my mind would like to say, “there is more to it than that,” ***but then I’d be wrong.*** People are dense because they make a God with rules, by-laws, relative importances, and doctrine. It starts off innocent enough, but that expands and grows until the new god is the latest in a long list of idols that have nothing to do with God’s answer to the question of being made righteous. Walk into a church of any denomination and ask what you have to do to get saved. I will bet you will get a whole bunch more stuff told to you than what it says right here. People hate not having things to accomplish. Most major denominations understand human nature and enforce their control mechanisms to lock you into something that is intended to be sublimely simple. The sad truth is that some people will never escape the legalism brought upon them by the Pharisees of our day. Remember last week. Our ways are insignificant. It is only about CHRIST and what HE has done.

Here it is again in Romans 10:16. Who has believed this message of the Gospel. Not everyone welcomes the truth, especially those in power and authority. People love to say “MY GOD this and MY GOD that. GOD is not our pet. Folks have created their own pet god so they can decide how things should be done. People do this everywhere. Those in authority hate people having freedom.

**Side Bar** *The Bill of Rights restricts what the government cant do to those who are governed. They are discarded completely away now. You no longer have free speech, we are no longer allowed to protect ourselves, we are able to be thrown into internment camps in Ny if we “risk” public safety by whatever government in NY thinks. We are searched by National Guardsmen at the turnstiles of subways. We are seeing excessive bails and fines for those we disagree with. People are asked to allow illegal immigrants to move in with them and so what happens when they stop asking.*