

**WSC #75** Q. What is forbidden in the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment?

- A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's, wealth or outward estate.

**Romans 10:1-13 The Unbelief of Israel**

Zeal for God (v.2)

Did they not submit to God's righteousness? (v.3)

God didn't accept the Israelites because they put their faith in their own law-keeping, and not in the Savior.

Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. (v.4)

\*Christ is the point of the law\*

\*Christ is the goal of the law\*

\*Christ is the meaning of the law\*

\*IF you try to follow and obey the law, but avoid Christ, you have missed the whole point of the law\*

**DQ – What does Paul mean in v. 6-7, when speaking of ascending into heaven (to bring Christ down) and descending into the abyss (to bring Christ up from the dead)?**

Possibilities:

\*Tradition among the Pharisees that if any single Pharisee kept all the Jewish laws perfectly for one day, that man's righteousness would be so pure that it would induce God to send the Messiah. His merit would enable him to climb right up to heaven and bring the Messiah down, or if the Messiah had gone into hell, he could bring him back up.

\*Who has that kind of righteousness, that kind of merit? We can't climb up into heaven and bring the Savior down from heaven.

\*\*\*The point is that only God can send a Savior from heaven, and only God can bring one back from the dead.

**Only God can save you and that is where your faith must be.**

**Paul's answer** – (v. 8) The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is the word of faith we are proclaiming.

**DQ-Looking at Paul's answer and applying it to faith in Christians; where do we find the word of faith?**

**\*Heart\*** - Impossible to find faith in the heart that isn't in the mouth also. It is impossible to be a Christian and to have the Word of God hidden in our heart, yet for it never to come out of your mouth

**\*Mouth\*** - It is possible to have faith in the mouth and have no faith in the heart.

**DQ – What must we do to be saved?** (v. 9-10)

Do you with your heart (the core of one's being) believe that God raised Jesus from the dead?

**DQ – Why is believing this essential to being a Christian?**

Jew/Gentile problem

v.11-13 – “No difference between Jew and Gentile; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”