**‘God’s Glorious Gospel: The Righteousness God Requires’ Message # 60 – ‘Faith vs. Legalism and Lies’**

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**4. Section #4: God’s Righteousness in Salvation (Chap.9-11)**

* Have God’s promises to save failed if there is rampant unbelief?
* **Framing the Text (10)**
  + 10:1-4, Exposure of Error
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