**‘God’s Glorious Gospel: The Righteousness God Requires’ Message #63 – ‘Don’t Give Up On People’**

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* **Theme: God’s Power in Sanctifying Believers**

**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
  + 10:5-14, Exposition of Truth
  + 10:14-21, Expression of Faith

**5. Interrogative Question:**

* + **Illus. Nelson, *‘Sir, your sword first please’…***
  + **Reality:** Tempering your expectations?

Parable of the Sower (C/f Matt.13)…expect conversions; expect fakes and disinterest too!

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  + **Paul’s larger defense in Chapter 10: Israel’s failure to believe is their fault, not God’s**

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