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A study in the book of Romans, by Pastor Frank on 10 –1–17

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- 2) Read Mt 15:1-14, Acts 9:1-5: The Jews' preoccupation with the law and their failure to recognize Jesus as Messiah turned them into blind guides, like Saul/Paul before he met Jesus. Have you ever met a person that was so convinced they were right about God and yet so wrong at the same time? How did you handle this person in heart and speech? Please share.
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