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“Spiritual Deception”
Romans 10:1-7 (NASB)

¹Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. ²For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. ³For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), ⁷or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."

Three Subtle Deceptions:

1. They had zeal without knowledge. (v.2,3)

There are two words in the Greek for “knowledge”.

Gnosis

Epignosis

2. They tried to practice the Law without Christ. (v.4,5)

3. They were relying on their works rather than faith. (v. 6,7)

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