

# Saved

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## Romans 10:1-15

In every culture there is a religious system that seeks to address a universal human need. People intuitively know that we are all sinners (Romans 3:10-18). Every religious system seeks to answer the need. Unfortunately, there is no religious system devised by man that can atone for our sins.

In our text for today, Paul is appealing to his Jewish countrymen to trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ for their salvation. Centuries before, God gave the Jewish people the law. The law is good and works to teach us about the righteousness God desires from His people. However, it was never meant to be a tool that enables people to earn their own righteousness. It was given to reveal the reality of our need for God to save us.

Paul taught that we receive the righteousness God requires through faith in Jesus. To receive this precious gift, and therefore to be saved, one need only to call out to Jesus.

A lifetime of religious rituals cannot atone for our sins. A person trusting in their religion, no matter how sincere, will be just as guilty of their sins at the end of their life as they were when they began their religious practices. But a moment of prayer, calling to Jesus, trusting in His gift of righteousness, can and will make a person a child of God. [Excerpts by Travis Biller]

### Confess and Believe (Romans 10:1-4; 5-10)

- Paul reconciles the nation of Israel as God's chosen people in the Old Testament with the gospel of Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Paul's "heart desire" was for Jews (and Gentiles) to be saved.
- ***"Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness."***
  - Israel's problem is they did not pursue righteousness by faith but by works.
- Paul explained Jesus was ***"the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth."***
  - He contrasted "righteousness which is of the law" to "righteousness which is of faith."
- Quoting from Deuteronomy, Paul showed Israel was blessed because of God's grace, not works.
  - ***"Who shall ascend to heaven"*** to bring God's command back down. Jesus did.
  - ***"Who shall descend into the deep"*** to bring back from the dead. Jesus did.
- Jesus has fulfilled the Old Testament promise of the Savior.
- God's word of faith has been brought near in Christ.
- ***"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."***
  - **Why must we confess with our mouth and believe in our heart?**
  - **Why do so many try to earn salvation when it is a free gift?**

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4*

## Romans Road to Salvation

We are all sinners by nature and by choice.

**Romans 3:23**

We receive eternal life as a free gift!

**Romans 6:23**

God demonstrated His love for us, His enemies.

**Romans 5:8**

We must trust and surrender to Jesus as Lord.

**Romans 10:9-10**

Our assurance of salvation through Jesus

**Romans 10:13**

Confess  
with your mouth  
believe  
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Romans 10:9

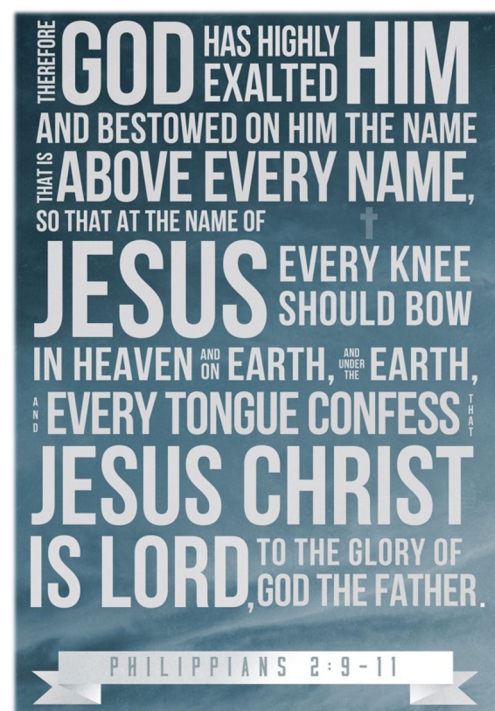
### Whoever (Romans 10:11-13)

- ***“Whoever believeth on Him will not be ashamed.”***
    - *No one who puts his faith in Christ will ever have reason to be disappointed in Him!*
  - ***“There is not difference between the Jew and the Greek”***
    - Paul had already shown if there is one God, then He is God of both Jew and Gentile.
    - All have sinned and all could be justified through faith.
  - Paul tied the riches of God’s blessings to our forgiveness of sin. *“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding.”* Ephesians 1:7-8
  - ***“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”***
    - Paul turned to the Old Testament again (see Joel 2:32).
    - This was a description of God’s pouring out His Spirit on the Day of the Lord.
    - Note: This passage was quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost to explain the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:17-21)
  - Here Paul applied the verse to Jesus.
    - *Calling on His name is the source of salvation.*
- **What are you doing to make it possible for everyone to respond in faith to the gospel message?**

### Tell All (Romans 10:14-15)

- In a series of rhetorical questions, Paul shows what is needed for people to have access to the gospel.
    - *How can they call on Him if they have not believed?*
    - *How shall they believe if they have not heard of Him?*
    - *How shall they hear without a preacher?*
    - *How shall they preach without being sent?*
  - For someone to call on Jesus’ name he must believe. To believe the person must have heard of Jesus’ gospel. Someone had to take the gospel to that person.
  - Paul had received his own commission from the Lord, and he and Barnabas had been sent out by the church in Antioch
    - Paul described his commission this way “... apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the Gentiles” (Rom. 1:5)
  - ***“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!”***
    - Those who proclaim the good news of the gospel have a timely (beautiful) message.
  - The church’s responsibility is to not only proclaim the gospel but to commission those to go out ‘to the ends of the earth’ with the good news of the gospel.
- **Can you plant a gospel seed this week?**

**Biblical Truth: *There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.* (John 14:6)**



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