

Roman Road to Salvation 2022-07-03

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Last remain verses in Roman Road: grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone always/only God's way to Salvation (see end of notes)

- works righteousness was/is man's self-made ineffectual way to salvation
Romans 10:5, Leviticus 18:2-5

Jews misinterpret Moses: law obtained godly living & ADDED righteousness (live eternally).

- Jews "work" was believing what God revealed in Scripture and to believe in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:6-8, John 6:28-29

Ascend/descend common in Jewish literature for things that are impossible.

- Jesus fulfilled/was the end of the law, so righteousness by works is attempt to do what only God could do and did in Jesus' incarnation (descend) and resurrection (ascend).
 - righteousness/salvation is not impossible but within reach through faith in Jesus Christ, not works.
- Saving faith involves both belief and confession. Romans 10:9-10, Philippians 3:9, 1 Corinthians 15:17

1st heart belief in resurrection....fundamental doctrine at center of gospel. Matthew 12:38-40; 27:62-66

- Resurrection basis hope of eternal life. proof Jesus Christ's work was acceptable. Romans 4:25
 - not just intellectual assent but believe in your heart...trust it for salvation
 - Jew: resurrection = admit wrong to reject Jesus Christ, Gent: resurrection = foolishness. Act 17:32

Genuine faith is the root; confession with our mouths/lives always the fruit. Ephesians 2:8-10

- gospel requires men to make a decision and take a public stand...not "private" faith.
 - "Y" in Roman Road...1 way > eternal life in heaven, another > hell.

Believe/confess: Jesus Christ is God. Not a god/a lord, great moral teacher, prophet.....Jesus Christ is the Lord, only Lord, Lord of all.

- over 6,000 times in Old Testament Hebrew Yahweh (Old Testament name for God) translated in Greek LORD.

To confess Jesus Christ as Lord was to stand with Him and against their own culture.

- Jew: acknowledge Jesus was God and promised Savior to be trusted/obeyed.

- Gentile: Jesus is highest authority. Caesar subordinate to obey Jesus.
 - Neither Jew nor Gentile took word LORD lightly....do you?

No such thing as salvation apart from lordship. Jesus Christ as Savior not Lord is NOT an option.

- New Testament profession of faith is not Jesus is Savior (self-evident) but Jesus is Lord.
 - confession with mouths/lives that Jesus Christ is Sovereign God, master/king of your life, pledge obedience/worship; commit self/resources to His will/control.

A main reason Jews rejected Jesus/gospel: thought God's salvation was exclusively for Jews.

- not one way of salvation for Jews, another/multiple for Gentiles Romans 10:11-13, Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21
 - sin is universal condition, remedy is justification by faith universally applies.

Roman Road: grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone always/only God's way to Salvation

- EVERYONE...no ethnic distinctives and no matter how sinful your past, if believe in Jesus Christ and call upon Him to save you. Romans 2:12-13
- Name: who Lord is in all His attributes.....Biblical Jesus is not your imagination.
- Saved: rescue from judgment. Implies that the person calling out the name of God has nothing in self to offer God.

Result: God giving you His riches. More eternal than earthly. Romans 5:1-2, 8:1, 38-39

- forgiveness, justification, freedom from guilt, condemnation, shame....
 - Jesus Christ is the sum of riches we have....see/know/enjoy Jesus forever!

Roman Road: Our problem (3:23, 6:23), hope in Jesus Christ (5:8), sinner's response (10:9, 10:13), result of salvation (5:1-2, 8:1).

THE ROMAN'S ROAD TO SALVATION

MAN'S PROBLEM

- Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HOPE IN JESUS

- Romans 5:8 God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SINNER'S RESPONSE

- Romans 10:9-10 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
- Romans 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

RESULT OF SALVATION

- Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- Romans 8:38-39 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.