

ROMANS 10:5-13

This section speaks to the readers about the simplicity or ease of salvation. In opposition to a works system where the individual needs to follow commandments in order to be saved, God's plan of salvation is simple and straight forward. He has done everything for us in sending the Messiah to die for our sins. All we need to do is accept the Messiah and the payment He made in order to be saved. The people being addressed in this section are Jewish people, although the message is the same for Gentiles, vs. 12.

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

"So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD."
Leviticus 18:5

Ezekiel 20:

11 And I gave them My statutes and informed them of My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, and they rejected My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live; and My sabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them in the wilderness, to annihilate them.

21 But the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to observe My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live; they profaned My sabbaths. So I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

If one insists on "doing it his way," the end result will be destruction and wrath from a holy God, for rejecting His way and establishing yours.

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

The righteousness every person needs, which is the righteousness of Jesus, is only attained by faith (see Romans 9:30 - 10:4) and says to every person, THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO ATTAIN SALVATION!

The reference in these two verses come from Deuteronomy 30:11-14.

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, **Who shall go up for us to heaven**, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, **Who shall go over the sea for us**, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

One need not go into the heavens to bring Messiah down to attain it or descend into the abyss (deep) to bring Messiah up from the grave. Why? God has already done this for us in sending Jesus from heaven to die for our sins and raising him from the grave.

Salvation is not difficult. God has done it all for us - all we have to do is believe!

It has been said that there are two religions in the world - DO and DONE.

All religions of the world teach you have to DO something to get saved.

Biblical Christianity teaches that it has been DONE for you and you just need to believe.

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

"But," with God, all things are possible and God has made salvation easy and available to all.

"It" is faith.

The message, "the word," is as close as our mouth and our heart.

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

"That if" is the conditional requirement. Salvation is available to all. BUT, one must do what verse 9 stipulates.

1. Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus

To confess that Jesus is the Lord means that a person agrees that Jesus is indeed the Messiah - John 1:41, "He [Andrew] first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ" - and all the term implies (the Bible teaches).

According to Tenach, the Messiah was portrayed as

1. The God-man - Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

2. God - Psalm 45:6-7

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

3. The Savior - Isaiah 53:5, 6ff

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all

4. The eternal King - Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

5. THE LORD (JEHOVAH) OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS - Jeremiah 23:5, 6

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"Lord (*kurios*) means lord, master, owner or the one who has absolute ownership power. *Kurios* translates Jehovah (LORD in OT) in the Septuagint (LXX) almost 7000 times. In the New Testament there are 717 references to *kurios* and it is notable that Jesus is referred to as Savior about ten times and as Lord about 700 times! *Kurios* signifies sovereign power and absolute authority. *Kurios* is the one who has absolute ownership and uncontested power. It is the one who is in charge by virtue of possession (owner)." https://www.preceptaustin.org/romans_108-11

A T Robertson commenting on Jesus Christ is Lord writes that "No Jew would do this who had not really trusted Christ, for *Kurios* in the Septuagint (LXX) is used of God. No Gentile would do it who had not ceased worshipping the emperor as *Kurios*. The word *Kurios* was and is the touchstone of faith."

2. Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead

Two necessities

1. Believe in your heart

There is only one condition for salvation - believe.

Romans 4:

- 2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.
- 3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.
- 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
- 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

2. Jesus rose from the grave.

Romans 1:

- 1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
- 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
- 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
- 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

This is the gospel and was spoken of by the prophets and attested to by hundreds of eye-witnesses.

1 Corinthians 15:

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
- 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:
- 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.
- 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.
- 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

3. Then you will be saved.

If you confess that Jesus is Lord and risen from the dead, believing with your heart, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

This verse reinforces the previous verse.

Believe in the heart brings righteousness.

Heart (*kardia*) does not refer to the physical organ but is always used figuratively in Scripture to refer to the seat and center of human life. The heart is the center of the personality, and it controls the intellect, emotions, and will. No outward obedience is of the slightest value unless the heart turns to God.

Confession is made that leads to salvation.

“Confession is made unto salvation.’ This does not mean that confession is a condition of salvation (you must confess Christ in order to be saved) but it means that confession is a result or evidence of salvation (you confess Christ to show that you are saved). Confession is not something that a person does to be saved; confession is something that a saved person does!” Middletown Bible Church

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

“For the scripture says” is reinforcing that salvation is not of works but “belief” - “whosoever believes on him”

And if we believe on Jesus there is no need to be ashamed.

“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels,” Mark 8:38

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Up to this point it is the Jewish people who are being addressed - Romans 10:1-3.

- 1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Paul now goes back to the earlier statement about Gentiles coming to the Lord at the end of chapter 9 and states that there is no difference between the Jew and the Gentile when it comes to attaining salvation.

Jew and Gentile believe in the same God who provides riches in abundance to those who “call upon him.”

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich,” 2 Corinthians 8:9.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The need is to “call upon the name of the Lord.” Then one will be saved.

“Whosoever” means both Jew and Gentile, young and old, man and woman, rich and poor - everyone and anyone!

The gospel is not for a select few. It is for the entire world.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” John 3:16.