

**“The Simplicity of Salvation”**  
**Romans 10:1-13**

Introduction: Let us take Romans 10 in its proper context.

- In Romans chapters 9-11 we see:
  1. Israel’s Past—Chapter 9 (God deals with Israel through Sovereignty)
  2. Israel’s Present—Chapter 10 (God deals with Israel through Salvation)
  3. Israel’s Prophecy—Chapter 11 (God deals with Israel through the Second Coming)
  
- In Romans chapter 10 we see:
  1. The Reasons for their Rejection vs. 1-13
  2. The Remedy for their Rejection vs. 14-17
  3. The Results of their Rejection vs. 18-21
  
- In Romans chapter 10 we see:
  1. Christ Revealed as Saviour vs. 1-4
  2. Christ Received as Saviour vs. 5-15
  3. Christ Rejected as Saviour vs. 16-21 John 1:11

Body: In Romans 10, the major theme is the simplicity of salvation. Notice:

- I. The Desire for Salvation Romans 10:1
  - A. Christ’s Desire for Your Salvation
    1. I Timothy 2:4- *“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”*
    2. II Peter 3:9- *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*
  - B. Christians Desire for Your Salvation Romans 9:2-3
  - C. Church’s Desire for Your Salvation Revelation 22:17- *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*
  
- II. The Distortion of Salvation Romans 10:2-5
  - A. Pursuit is not Salvation v. 2
    1. “Ever since Israel returned to their land from Babylonian Captivity, the nation had been cured of idolatry. In the temple and the local synagogues, only the true God was worshiped and served, and only the true Law was taught.” (Wiersbe)
    2. “So zealous were the Jews that they even improved upon God’s Law and added their own traditions, making them equal to the Law.” (Wiersbe)
    3. “But their zeal was not based on knowledge; it was heat without light.” (Wiersbe)

4. Zeal without knowledge is a dangerous thing. Philippians 3:6-7  
“Concerning zeal, persecuting the church…”

B. Preparations is not Salvation v. 3

1. The Pharisee’s preparations were not good enough. Luke 18:9-14
2. The Rich Man’s preparations were not good enough. Mark 10:17-22
3. Nicodemus’ preparations were not good enough. John 3:1-21
4. “Righteousness is not to be found at Sinai but at Calvary; it lies not in the acceptance of a precept but of a Person; not in servitude to commandments but in submission to Christ.” (Phillips)
5. “To submit to God’s righteousness means to lay aside one’s own righteousness and acknowledge complete failure. This is something the Jew and all religious persons generally refuse to do.” (Phillips)

C. Precepts is not Salvation v. 4 Romans 3:20, 28, 6:14, Galatians 3:21-25

D. Perseverance is not Salvation v. 5 Leviticus 18:4-5, Romans 3:10, James 2:10

III. The Displacement of Salvation Romans 10:6-7

A. It is not in Glory v. 6

B. It is not in the Grave v. 7

IV. The Declaration of Salvation Romans 10:8-10

A. The Reaching for Salvation v. 8

1. One need not search the heavens or descend into the deep to find God’s righteousness.
2. “We do not have to go to heaven to find Christ, or into the world of the dead. He is near to us. In other words, the Gospel of Christ—the Word of faith—is available and accessible. The sinner need not perform difficult works in order to be saved. All he has to do is trust Christ.” (Wiersbe)
3. “The two greatest miracles of the Christian faith are the incarnation which tells us that Christ has come down from heaven, and the resurrection which tells us that He has come up from the grave. They only have to be believed in the heart.” (Phillips)
4. God’s righteousness is as near as one’s mouth and heart. Deuteronomy 30:11-14
  - a. “The emphasis in Deuteronomy is on the heart, the inner spiritual condition and not mere outward acts of obedience.” (Wiersbe)
  - b. Deuteronomy 6:5-6- “*And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart*”
5. Through this message, you are as close as you will ever come to salvation. Romans 10:17

B. The Request for Salvation v. 9

1. Notice the reception of God’s righteousness:
  - a. It is Conceived in the Heart (v. 11- heart)

- (1) “The gospel appeal is primarily to the heart rather than the head.” (Phillips)
  - (2) “The resurrection of Christ from the dead is one of the best proved facts in history.” (Phillips) All you have to do is believe it.
  - b. It is Confirmed by the Mouth (v. 13- mouth)
    - (1) “This was the one thing the Jews refused to do, and refuse to do this day. They will not confess the deity of Jesus.” (Phillips)
    - (2) “Such a confession is one lasting evidence that conversion has taken place in the soul.” (Phillips)
    - (3) Luke 6:45- *“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”*
  2. Notice how close you are to salvation:
    - a. The Scriptures is Accessible v. 8
    - b. The Saviour is Accessible v. 9
  - C. The Results of Salvation v. 10
    1. The Obtaining of Righteousness
    2. The Obtaining of Redemption
- V. The Decision for Salvation Romans 10:11-13
- A. The Promise of the Lord v. 11
  - B. The Provision of the Lord v. 12
  - C. The Pleading of the Lord v. 13
    1. Notice the difference between “*confess*” and “*call*”:
      - a. Confession is an Agreement
      - b. Call is an Appeal
    2. Not only is Jesus Lord “*over*” all (v. 12), but He is also Lord for all.(v. 13) (Phillips)

Conclusion: Now that you understand how simple salvation is, will you be saved?