

The Good News Of How To Be Saved From Eternal Suffering (Romans 10)

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(1) Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. (2) For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. (3) For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. (4) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

(5) For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. (6) But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) (7) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). (8) 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); (9) 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. (10) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (11) For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." (12) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. (13) For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

(14) How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (15) And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (16) But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" (17) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

(18) But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." (19) But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." (20) Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." (21) But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

Practical Application

1. Review (Rom. 9:14-33): God is just, merciful, compassionate, in control (sovereign), purposeful, powerful, and worthy of our praise and proclamation. Human beings are fully responsible for their choices and decisions. We can rest in God's sovereignty and make good responsible decisions by His grace and power. God is the potter (molder), and we are the clay (pot). God wants us to have soft hearts toward Him. Let Him mold you into what He wants you to be. Be a vessel of honor instead of dishonor. Be a vessel of mercy instead of a vessel of wrath. Thank God for mercy. Ask God for more mercy.
2. Do you have a deep, heartfelt desire to see others saved from sin, satan, and eternal suffering? Do you pray for lost people? Do you want to alleviate human suffering (temporal and eternal)? God's heart is to save the lost. Is this your heart? Make it your heart today.
3. The best kind of zeal for God is informed by the truth. We should be passionate about God, His truth, and His mission. Is your zeal for God and everything else informed by knowledge?

4. God is righteous. We are all unrighteous. It is through Jesus Christ alone that we are made right before God. This right standing before God is not based on our obedience but the obedience of Jesus. It comes through the perfect life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You can be made right before God today in Christ.
5. To be made right with God through your own obedience would take perfection. There has only been one perfect person. Salvation comes through His perfection and not ours. Jesus is the perfect one. Jesus is our salvation.
6. Have you confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord? Do you believe in your heart that God the Father raised Jesus the Son from the dead? If so, you will be saved (justified before God).
7. Through faith in Jesus Christ, you get eternal honor. You become an honored child of God.
8. The moment you sincerely call on Jesus to save you, God will pour out His riches upon you right then and forever.
9. People can only be saved if they call on Jesus to save them. People can't call on Jesus if they have never been told about Him. People can't hear about Him unless we tell them. Some have little to no access to even hear.
10. How are you proclaiming the good news of Jesus here and around the world? How are you praying for and supporting the spread of the gospel? How are you living "sent?" Start today. Grow today.
11. Do you have beautiful feet? How are you intentionally seeking to grow in the most important kind of beauty you can have? Be truly beautiful. Tell others about Jesus.
12. Saving faith and sanctifying faith come from hearing the word of Christ. If you want to grow in faith, listen to and read even more of the word of Christ found in the Bible and the gospel.
13. God has revealed Himself to all people. God speaks through the creation, our consciences, history, miracles, dreams, visions, and most clearly through the Bible and through His Son Jesus coming to earth.
14. God can give you understanding. God is seeking you. God is showing Himself to you. God is reaching His hands out to you every day. How will you respond? Will you reject Jesus Christ or receive Him? Receive Him.
15. I want to urge you today to receive Jesus. Confess Jesus as Lord. Turn to Jesus. Surrender to Jesus. Believe in Jesus. Trust in Jesus. Love Jesus because He first loved you. People (you) can be saved from eternal suffering.

Announcements

- March 3 (Today), Food Pantry Tour. Stop by anytime between 12:30pm and 3:30pm.
- “More to Life” Worship Night at Montevallo High School (Saturday, March 9, 7pm-9pm)
- Hope Mountain Easter egg Hunt (Sunday, March 24)
- Good Friday Worship (Friday, March 29)
- Resurrection Sunday (March 31)
- Please be praying for the family of Mary Miles. She passed away last week. Her funeral is this Saturday (March 9) at 11am at Elmwood Cemetery.
- More youth volunteers needed. See David Barrero.