

Lordship Salvation (An Excursus)
Romans 10:9 & Other texts

Non Lordship principles of conversion

1. One does not accept Christ as *Lord* in order to be saved.
2. It's a false Gospel to make acceptance of His Lordship a *condition* of salvation - Pharisaism!
3. One must only *accept the facts* about Christ to be saved.
4. One does not need to experience *repentance* to be saved.
5. Assurance is based solely upon the Gospel promises, *not* on the *fruit* of salvation.
6. The call to be saved & discipleship are *two distinct calls*. One can be saved but *not* a disciple
7. A Christian may or may not bear fruit in his life. The absence of fruit is *not* a test of salvation
8. The faith that saves is a *one-time* experience. (Hodges)
9. One can exercise faith, and then *apostatize*, and still be saved.
10. A person who professes Christ, but doesn't abide in Him only loses fellowship, not salvation.

FAITH = JUSTIFICATION - WORKS

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1. Jesus & His disciples preached a Gospel that ruled out any possibility of meriting justification
Eph 2:8,9; Titus 3:5.

NOT: FAITH + WORKS = JUSTIFICATION

2. Jesus & His disciples preached a Gospel that calls for embracing Christ in all of His offices:
Savior & Lord. Lk 6:46-49; Psm 2; I Cor 12:3; Phil 2:11; Acts 2:36; 16:31
3. Jesus & His disciples preached a Gospel that challenged us to count the cost before coming.
Mt 7:13-14; 13:44-46; Mk 10:17-22
4. Jesus & His disciples preached a Gospel that was a call to discipleship.
Mt 28:18f; 10:38-39; Lk 14:32-33; Acts 6:1,2,7; 11:26; 14:20-22; 15:10.
5. God's work of regeneration results in new desires for holiness & transformation of life.
Rom 6:2-14; 8:12-14.
6. Saving faith results in good works, changed lives, spiritual fruit (as a *result* of salvation).
Mt 5:3-10; Lk 19:1-10
7. Saving faith is more than a mere intellectual assent. It involves the whole person.
Believing on Christ & Repenting unto Christ - Acts 16:31; 3:19
Receiving, eating, drinking, taking Christ - Jn 1:12; 4:10,14; 7:37; 6:32-35
Obeying Christ - Heb 5:9; Jn 3:36
Becoming like a child - Mt 18:3
Self-denial - Mk 8:34-35
Loving Christ more than anything else - Mt 10:37; Lk 14:33
Faith = *Notitia* (factual knowledge) + *Assensus* (acceptance) + *Fiducia* (personal trust)
8. Saving faith is accompanied by repentance from sin.
Lk 15:11-24; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 20:21; II Tim 2:25,26; Lk 13:3.
9. Saving faith results in people worshipping God in Spirit and in truth.
Jn 4:21-26.
10. Saving faith does not result in perfect works.
Gal 5:17; Rom 7:14-25; I Jn 1:8-10
11. Saving faith results in justification, sanctification, & glorification. Distinct but never separate.
Rom 6; I Cor 1:30; Mt 7:21-23
12. Some people respond to the Gospel superficially, but are not truly saved.
Mt 13:18-23; 24-30; Titus 1:15,16.
13. False believers do not show holiness in their lives, and they are lost.
Heb 12:14; I Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21; Eph 5:3-6

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