

Romans 10:8-10

The Word of Faith

1. Romans Road Dead End

- a. Romans Road goes in circles and runs off a cliff right here - Rom 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9
- b. If you don't know you are saved by Romans 5, then you will stumble with Israel to Rom 10.
- c. Evangelists make this a public confession to come down front to the altar (Graham)
- d. "Soul winners" require people to say certain words for salvation. (Repeat after me...)
- e. Wet cleaners say the public confession here is water baptism. (Baptism as a testimony...)
- f. For Lordship Salvation, belief is not enough, Jesus must be "lord of your life" (MacArthur)
- g. Israel's faith is in context, not special words or added works for your salvation - Eph 1:13

2. 10:8 – The Word of Faith

- a. The theme of Rom 10 is Israel's stumbling over Christ required faith (9:32-33, 10:4)
- b. Unbelieving Israel was ignorant of the righteousness of God by faith (10:2-3)
- c. Moses spoke of both righteousness of law (Le 18:5) and righteousness of faith (Deu 30:14)
- d. "*the word is nigh thee...*" – It was spoken. They could believe it. They could do it.
- e. Moses set before Israel life & death (Deu 30:15), so did Jesus (Jn 3:36, 5:24, 8:24, 51, 14:6)
- f. "*word of faith*" - In contrast to the works of the law is the faith of Christ (righteous by faith)
- g. "*which we preach*" - Who? Moses spoke of faith, as did prophets, Jesus, Peter, now Paul.

3. A Word on Preaching

- a. Preaching ~*def.* Speaking with conviction what is true to produce a testimony of faith.
- b. Preaching must remove mishandling Bible, craftiness, cleverness, emotional manipulation, storytelling, man's rhetorical devices - 2Cor 4:2-3, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Rom 16:18, 2 Tim 4:3-4
- c. Faith comes by hearing words spoken in truth - Rom 10:17
- d. Faith is testified by words. People speak what they believe (else liars) - 2Co 4:13, Ps 116:10
- e. Jesus came preaching, Peter and the twelve preached, Paul preached... faith in Christ.
- f. Rom 10 is talking about how unbelieving Israel stumbled here, not Paul's mystery of Christ.

4. 10:9 – Confess the Lord Jesus

- a. At one point Israel needed to confess and do the law – Rom 2:13, Jam 1:22, 2:12
- b. "*if thou*" - Thou = the "thee" in Rom 10:8 = unbelieving Israel who needed to receive Jesus.
- c. Christ appeared to them, spoke to them, and they (Israel) did not believe – John 1:10-11
- d. "*confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus*" - which could've been done before the cross.
- e. Jesus said a mouth confesses what the heart believes - Mt 12:34-37, 27:22-25, Lk 23:20-24
- f. They were to confess him as the Lord, Son of God, Messiah - Matt 16:13-17, Luke 6:46-49

5. 10:9 – Believe God Raised Him from the Dead

- a. An example of an unbelieving Jew believing the resurrection and confessing - John 20:25-31
- b. Israel needed to believe in the name of Jesus to be saved – John 20:31, Acts 4:10-12
- c. They needed to believe the resurrection else no hope - Acts 2:13, 31-36, 1 Peter 1:3
- d. Note: We can believe the truths, while recognizing its context is not ours - Acts 16:31-32
 - i. This is not the mystery gospel of 2 Tim 2:8, or Rom 6:5, Eph 2:6-7, or Gal 6:14

- e. *Why is Paul mentioning these 2 things?* This word of faith answers the 2 q's of Rom 10:6-8
 - i. Moses' righteousness by faith spoke of Jesus. So did David's, Peter's, and Paul's.
- f. Paul not giving a formula for salvation. They need the "word of faith" of Christ to be saved.

6. 10:10 – Israel's Confession unto Salvation

- a. *"thou shalt be saved"* - Israel's confession unto salvation ← the Romans Road cliff.
- b. *"with the heart..."* - Israel's issue was a heart issue, the new covenant fixes this by faith.
- c. *"with the mouth"* - speaking of what will happen at Israel's salvation -Phi 2:11, Isa 45:21-25
- d. According to their covenant Israel must confess the Lord to be saved -Deu 6:4, 2Ch 6:24-26
- e. When Christ came, Israel needed to confess - Mt 10:32-38, Jn 9:20-24, 12:42-43
- f. They would be saved from false spirits by this confession – 1 John 4:1-3, 4:14-14, 2 John 7
- g. *Why did not Israel not get their promised salvation?* They did not believe or confess.
- h. Their salvation will require their heart belief and their confession/submission to Jesus.