

# THE ROMANS ROAD CHALLENGE

## Is The Romans Road Salvation Concept Biblical?

ROMANS 10:9-10

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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.

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

*1 John 5:18-20—WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS TEACHING?*

*18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

*19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

*20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

The 'Romans Road' Concept teaches us to simply believe and you will be saved. Does the Bible teach something else?

Note: ROMANS 10 occurs AFTER the salvation message of ACTS 2:38!!!

THE CHURCH OF THE BOOK OF ACTS WAS BORN ON JUNE 2, 30 A.D.  
JESUS SAID:

ACTS 1:8—JESUS TOLD THEM, 'YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER'

Acts 1:4-8

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise** of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**The word UNTO**--Strong's- a point reached or entered

ROMANS 10:10 SAID BELIEVE *UNTO*

ROMANS 10:10 SAID CONFESS *UNTO*

**What is a road? It's an AVENUE that takes you from point A to point B**

*WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS* = HOLINESS

Isaiah 35:8-10—**THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS**

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, **and it shall be called The way of holiness**; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

**HOLINESS**--h6944. שִׁדְדֻת qôdeš; from 6942; a sacred place or thing; rarely abstract, sanctity: — consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, (x most) holy (x day, portion, thing), saint, sanctuary.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; **but the redeemed shall walk there:**

**THIS ROAD IS A HOLY HIGHWAY, NOT THE ONE PORTRAYED BY THE ROMANS ROAD!!!**

10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**BUT WE CANT STOP THERE; FOR**

**Mark 16:16 SAYS:**

**16 He that believeth **and is baptized** shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

**Matthew 28:18-20--BAPTISM**

**18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

**19 Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

**20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

(V.18) All power in HEAVEN and in EARTH is GIVEN UNTO ME- WHO??

**Jesus**

**(V.19) BAPTIZING THEM IN WHOSE NAME?? JESUS!!**

(V.20) Teaching them to observe **ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. WHO COMMANDED?? JESUS!!**

**WE CANNOT BE GUILTY OF CHERRY PICKING THE GOSPEL!!!**

Acts 4:10-12

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the **name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**John 3:4-7**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.  
YOU MUST BE BORN OF THE **WATER** AND OF THE **SPIRIT**  
IT IS A BAPTISM IN THE BLOOD  
IT IS A BAPTISM IN THE WATER  
IT IS A BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT

JESUS SAID WE MUST HAVE A WATER BIRTH AND A SPIRIT BIRTH

**WHAT IS BIRTH IN THE WATER??**

1 Peter 3:21—AN ESSENTIAL PART OF SALVATION, NOT MENTIONED  
IN THE ROMANS ROAD...

21 The like figure whereunto even **baptism doth also now save us** (not  
the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good  
conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

**WHAT JESUS SAID AND WHAT THE APOSTLES DID SHOULD MATCH UP**

Acts 8:12-13—PHILIP PREACHING, BAPTIZES

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the  
kingdom of God, **and the name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized,  
both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and **when he was baptized**, he  
continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and  
signs which were done.

ACTS 10—HOUSE OF CORNELIUS

Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them  
which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as  
many as came with Peter, **because that on the Gentiles also was  
poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,**

**47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?**

**48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.**

### **Examples of Biblical Baptism:**

**1.** At Pentecost, after hearing the words of Peter, those that stood by asked, Men and Brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins... Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." KJV

**2.** The believers at Samaria were baptized in the name.  
Acts 8:16 "(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)" KJV

**3.** In Acts 8:35 we find Phillip preached to the Ethiopian Eunuch, the name of Jesus Christ, and in verse 38, they "both went down into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

**4.** At the house of Cornelius, Peter baptized those the had received the Holy Ghost, and "He commanded them to be baptized in the name."

### **5. ACTS 19:1-6**

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, **the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

6. In Acts 22, Paul speaking of his conversion, testified of how Ananias told him. Acts 22:16 “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”

**ALSO:**

**Romans 6:3**

**3 -- Know ye not, that so many of us as were **baptized into Jesus Christ** were baptized into his death?**

**Acts 10:48 “And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. KJV**

## **Galatians 3:26-27**

**26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

**27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

## **THEN WHY DOES THE MAJORITY OF MAINSTREAM CHURCHES BAPTIZE IN THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST?**

“It is an irrevocable fact that the Apostles and first disciples of Jesus Christ baptized all of their converts in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.” ( Ben Zion Bokser, op. cit. pp. 188-189).

“An explicit reference to the Trinitarian formula cannot be found in the first centuries.” (New Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 2, pg.59).

“ Baptism in the early Christianity was not administered in the three-fold name, but ‘in the name of Jesus Christ’, or, in ‘the name of the Lord Jesus.’ (The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible, vol. A-D, pg. 351).

New International Encyclopedia Vol. 22: “The term ‘Trinity’ was originated by Tertullian, a Catholic church father.”

Encyclopedia Britannica 11th Edition Vol. 3: “The baptismal formula was changed from the name of Jesus Christ, to the words, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost by the Catholic church in the 2nd century.”

**MAN HAS SOUGHT TO CHANGE WHAT GOD HAS COMMANDED HIS CHURCH TO DO SINCE 30 A.D.**

Galatians 1:8-9--(READER BEWARE!!)

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, **If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**

## WHAT IS BIRTH IN THE SPIRIT??

**Luke 3:16 called the Holy Ghost a baptism of fire. To be baptized with the Holy Ghost , means to be fully immersed, or overcome by the Holy Ghost.**

Acts 10:45-46

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 **For they heard them speak with tongues,** and magnify God. Then answered Peter....

**Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 14, pg. 776-777-** St. Francis Xavier preached with tongues. St. Vincent ferry was one of the greatest missionaries since the Apostle Paul, and spoke tongues and did many miracles. (Vol. 6, page 234).

**1520-1532-** Apostolic Pentecostalism with it's integral tongues speaking was all through Luther's and Zwingli's Europe. (W. Horton, pp. 97-138).

**1685-1909-** There were countless Holy Ghost outpourings, and manifestations of gifts. Flaming tongues of the Casmarids were heard,

which were prophets of the Cevenes. (P. Shaff pg. 237; V. Synan, pg. 164; M.P. Hamilton, pg. 89).

**1802 A.D.** - Vermont had a Shaker's tongues outpouring.

**1803 A.D.** - Casmarid tongues speaking erupted in Europe. (Knox, p. 557). Glossalalia in many organizations made history in 1803-1830 in Britain. (Knox pp. 550-560).

**1856 A.D.** – More than 160,000 tongues speakers in America. (Blunt, p. 467). Quakers had the Holy Ghost. Most denied the trinity.

**1901 A.D.** – The famed Topeka, Kansas outpouring. The glossalalia phenomenon became amplified. (F.J. Foster, Think It Not Strange, p. 25.)

**1904-1909 A.D.** – There was a mighty Holy Ghost outpouring among the Welsh. (M.P. Hamilton, pg. 96).

**1914-1916 A.D.** – Oneness revival swept throughout the southern U.S.

## **John 14:5-6—THE ONLY ROAD, THE ONE TRUE GOD, THE WAY**

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

19 To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself,** not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

**Hebrews 10:19-20**

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20 **By a new and living way,** which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

**Isaiah 43:10-12**

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.

**Colossians 2:9-10**

9 For in him (JESUS CHRIST) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

ULTIMATELY THIS WILL BRING YOU TO ACTS 2:36-38:

**Acts 2:36-37**

**36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

**37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

**Acts 2:38-39**

**38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**