

**I. Confess and Believe (Rom. 10:5-10)**

1. Jesus was the culmination of the law - Romans 10:4 (**verse 5**)  
Rea            -Jesus said He fulfilled the law - brought it to completion
2. Paul here contrasts the righteousness by the law and the righteousness that is by faith
3. The quote is from Lev. 18:5  
Rea            -the idea is that there is fruit from the law - righteousness - that is truly a type of righteousness, but the Jesus' type is different and better  
Rea            -it is a new era and a new covenant in Jesus' blood (1 Cor. 11) - not the blood of animals
4. Paul quotes repeatedly from the Old Testament and then uses these to make his point
  - A. Uses the phrase "that is" to explain (**verses 6-7**)
  - B. "Do not say" - he was warning them not to claim the blessing of God was because of their keeping the law
  - C. "Who will ascend into heaven? - to get God's command  
"Who will descend" - Jesus descended and brought law and righteousness from God to them
5. He is describing righteousness by faith (**verse 6**)  
Rea            -it is not attained by climbing into heaven  
                 -it is not attained by getting Christ to descend into the deep (**verse 7**)  
                 On the contrary - you already have it (verse 8)
6. But what *does* it say? (**Verse 8**)
  - A. It says the word is near - in your mouth and in your heart  
                 -the message concerning faith
  - Rea            B. The word/ idea that ties all this together is the idea/ word "faith"  
                 -see it at verse 6 and then again here in verse 8
  - Rea            C. One might ask - how does that work? - and the answer is found in verse 9
7. Believe in your heart and declare with your mouth (**verse 9**)  
Rea            -and what happens? - you will be saved (**verse 10**)
8. Verse 9 begins an explanation of what he means
  - A. You believe with your heart  
Rea            - the heart is a "believing" organ
  - B. You confess with your mouth  
Rea            - the mouth is a "confessing" organ  
                 \*both of these things are what YOU do
  - C. Verse 9 ends with what God will do - save you
9. What do you confess? - Jesus is Lord  
                 What do you believe? - that God raised Him from the dead  
                 -not just an intellectual assent  
                 At Phil. 2:7 Paul tied another "confession" to Jesus' lordship
10. With the heart we are justified  
                 With the mouth we are saved
- Rea    **Ideas and Questions:**
  1. He explains the new way to be justified/ made righteous by God  
                 -not by keeping the law - but by believing and confessing

2. Jesus is the “way” - John 14:6
3. Paul’s word is for Jews who have trusted keeping the law for centuries - to be saved
  - to earn the right to right standing with God
  - it is their way to get to God
4. This “way” seems logical and only faith
  - only certain people deserve to talk to God, to get through to Him

## II. Whoever - Romans 10:11-13

1. Faith and salvation are tied together (**verse 11**)
  - another Scriptural quote: - Is. 28:16
- Rea -significant that this is an Old Testament quote - he pulls from the Old Testament to establish the idea of being saved by faith
- if you believe you will not be put to shame
- Rea -how so? - because everyone who believes will be saved (**verse 12**)
2. There is no difference between Jews and Gentiles
  - Rea -in their way to be saved - all mankind comes one “way” - the Jesus “way”
  - Rea -no special words to use (can be saved even if you don’t know the sinners prayer)
3. Everyone (**verse 13**)
  - Rea -a “whosoever” way back in the Old Testament
  - Rea -compare with John 3:16 - who may be saved? ...whoever

### Rea Ideas and Questions:

1. When you take the “whosoever” out of the gospel you have changed the gospel
2. The Jews felt that Gentiles could not be saved - first because they were not “chosen”
3. We need to always keep in mind that God does the “saving” - he decides if your faith is true blue or not - He reads the human heart
  - a lot of people walk the isle but are not saved - it is only God who knows true faith and a false substitute
  - He is willing to save but God is not playing, and if we are He knows the difference
4. Discuss the simplicity of the gospel - Billy Graham was very simple - he got it - the message is not complicated... it does not require a lifetime of good works - believe and confess

## III. Tell All - Romans 10:14-15

1. Before we call on Him to be saved we first need to hear - don’t we (**verse 14**)
  - then how do they hear?
  - but... before that how can they hear without a preacher?
  - but... before that how can they preach if not sent?
2. This is why the feet of them that bring good news are precious (**verse 15**)
  - another Old Testament quote (Is. 52:7)
  - beautiful means “timely”
3. Preaching is necessary
  - Rea -is preaching the only way one can receive the message of salvation?

### Rea Ideas and Questions:

1. People are saved by the “word” - “faith comes by the hearing of the word”

- this is the way God ordained it
- 2. Verse 15 is justification for all our missionary endeavors
  - that money that your church gives to mission causes is Biblical
- 3. Apostles are “sent”
  - Jesus was “sent”
  - you and I are “sent” - as the Father has “sent” me, so send I you
  - I believe the church has lost the idea of “sentness”
  - we want believers to “come” to church instead of us “going” into all the world

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