



# BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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**Focus:** Rooted – A Study Through Romans

**Week 13:** The Plan of God – Our Response to God's Plan

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### Introduction:

Romans 10 shifts the focus from God's sovereignty to human responsibility. While Romans 9 shows how God works, Romans 10 shows how we respond. Salvation is not only revealed, it must be received.

### Key Scriptures

Romans 10:2

Romans 10:4

Romans 10:9-10

Romans 10:13

**1. Zeal Without Knowledge – (Romans 10:1–4):** Israel had passion for God, but their passion was not grounded in truth. Their sincerity led them to pursue their own righteousness instead of submitting to God's righteousness revealed in Christ.

- † Zeal does not equal truth
- † Sincerity does not guarantee righteousness
- † Attempting to establish your own righteousness leads to error
- † Christ is the fulfillment of the Law

### Truths To See:

- 1) Passion without truth leads to error
- 2) Sincerity is not the same as submission
- 3) God's way must be received, not replaced.

### Biblical Cross References

Philippians 3:3-7 Galatians 2:21 Hosea 4:6

**2. Righteousness by Faith – (Romans 10:5–10):** Paul contrasts two paths to righteousness: one based on performance and one based on faith. The righteousness of faith is not distant or unattainable. It is near, accessible, and received through belief and confession.

- † The Law demands performance; faith depends on Christ
- † The Word is near; salvation is accessible
- † Confession is outward acknowledgment
- † Belief is inward trust

### Truths to See









- 1) Salvation is not achieved...it is received
- 2) Faith involves both belief and confession
- 3) Righteousness comes through Christ alone

### Biblical Cross References

Deuteronomy 30:14 Ephesians 2:8–9 Romans 3:2

## THE ROMAN ROAD

(Romans Explained Simply)

	<p><b>THE PROBLEM</b>  <i>"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."</i>            Romans 3:23</p>	Our condition before God.	
↓		<p><b>THE PENALTY</b>  <i>"The wages of sin is death..."</i>            Romans 6:23a</p>	The consequence of our sin.
↓		<p><b>THE PROVISION</b>  <i>"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."</i>            Romans 5:8</p>	God's love provided a way for our salvation.
↓		<p><b>THE PROMISE</b>  <i>"...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."</i>            Romans 6:23b</p>	God's gift of eternal life is available to all who believe.
↓		<p><b>THE RESPONSE</b>  <i>"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."</i>            Romans 10:9-10</p>	We receive God's gift by faith through belief and confession.
↓		<p><b>THE ASSURANCE</b>  <i>"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."</i>            Romans 10:13</p>	Salvation is promised to everyone who calls on the Lord.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>BOTTOM LINE:</b>  <i>Salvation is not earned—              it is received by faith in Jesus Christ.</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> </div>			

**3. Salvation is Available to All – (Romans 10:11–13):** The gospel is not restricted to one group of people. The same Lord extends the same grace to all who call on Him, removing every barrier of distinction.

- † There is no distinction between Jew and Gentile
- † The same Lord is Lord of all
- † Salvation is extended to everyone who calls

#### **Truths to See**

- 1) Salvation is inclusive in invitation
- 2) Grace is not limited by background or history
- 3) Faith is the requirement for all

#### **Biblical Cross References**

Joel 2:32     Acts 2:21     John 3:16

**4. The Gospel Must Be Proclaimed – (Romans 10:14–17):** Faith does not develop in isolation. People must hear the gospel to believe it, and that requires believers to be sent and willing to share.

- † People cannot believe what they have not heard
- † The message must be proclaimed
- † God sends people to carry the gospel
- † Faith comes through hearing the Word

#### **Truths To See:**

- 1) The gospel requires proclamation
- 2) Faith is produced through hearing
- 3) Every believer has a role in sharing

#### **Biblical Cross References**

Isaiah 52:7     Matthew 28:19–20     Acts 1:8

**5. The Reality of Rejection – (Romans 10:18–21):** Even when truth is clearly presented, it is not always received. The issue is not access to the message, but the response to it.

- † Israel heard the message but resisted it
- † God continues to reach out to people
- † Rejection does not cancel God's invitation

#### **Truths To See:**

- 1) Hearing does not guarantee response
- 2) God is continually reaching out
- 3) Responsibility lies in our response

#### **Biblical Cross References**

Isaiah 65:1–2     John 1:11     Matthew 23:37

**Romans 10 Summary:** Romans 10 teaches that salvation must be personally received and actively shared. Zeal without truth leads to error, because righteousness is not earned but received through faith in Christ. This salvation is available to all, yet it must be proclaimed so people can hear and believe, and each person must ultimately choose how they will respond.