



Talk it Over

PASTOR LYLE - ROMANS 10 - I – 1/25/26

KEY SCRIPTURE

Romans 10:1–9

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.

6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down),

7 or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

START TALKING

How did you make out in the snowstorm?

START DISCUSSING

PAUL'S HEART BEFORE HIS ARGUMENT

Read Romans 10:1

Paul begins this section not with theology, but with prayer and grief.

Why do you think Paul starts with desire and prayer before making his case?

How does this challenge the way we usually engage people who disagree with us spiritually or morally?

ZEAL WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

Read Romans 10:2-3

Paul describes people who are passionate about God but disconnected from truth.

Why is zeal alone insufficient when it comes to knowing God?

Where do you see this tension between passion and truth in today's culture?

ESTABLISHING OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Read Romans 10:4-5

A core issue Paul identifies is self-reliance.

What are subtle ways people try to "be good enough" for God?

Why is works-based righteousness so appealing, even to sincere believers?

ONE SIN MAKES US A SINNER

Read Romans 10:6-9

Pastor Lyle said, "If you can't obey the law perfectly then you cannot be justified by works. One lie makes you a liar. Same with theft, murder, and abuse. One sin makes us a sinner, a lawbreaker of God's law."

While this is obvious for greater crimes, we may struggle with the so-called "smaller" sins, but why is this so hard to accept?

Why is pride often the last obstacle to full trust in Christ?

APPLICATION FOR THE WEEK

Can you identify one person you are tempted to feel frustrated with rather than broken for? Will you commit to praying for their salvation daily this week? Will you look for one intentional way to connect with them —through a conversation, an act of grace?