



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS – Jesus is Lord!

Community Group Study Guide Romans 10:1-17 – Week of September 18, 2022

1. Jesus is Lord-So Receive His Righteousness

Paul, speaking to a Jewish audience, continues to cement how their traditionally held view of religious merit were incorrect. They believed that righteousness could be achieved by an external performance. Furthermore, they believed that if their sin was greater, that they could simply increase their righteous acts to offset the sin. However, their understanding was wrong. No one meets God's set standard for righteousness, and none of our works can change that. To be justified, we require a new heart, and new birth. This can only come from Christ, who gives to us His righteousness and provides for us to be born again. The only righteousness available to us is in Christ, and we are called to humbly receive it.

2. Jesus is Lord-So Receive His Riches

Whether we admit it or not, we are spiritually bankrupt. We have no capacity to change our position with God. We stand beneath a debt that we cannot repay. Yet God has chosen to bestow His riches on all that call on Him. So, our right response to our position is to confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, and to believe in our hearts that God has raised Jesus from the dead. God promises that all who do this will be saved.

3. Jesus is Lord-So Preach the Good News

Paul then reminds us that God's elective process happens through His people proclaiming the Good News. The preaching of the Gospel is an intricate part of God's plan for salvation. Christians preach the Good News, people hear and believe, and in response to what they now believe, they call out to God. Blessed are the feet of those who preach the Good News.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

We cannot justify ourselves before God. We have no capacity to create righteous works for the Lord. Only through faith in Jesus can we be saved. Only by Him can we please God

Heart

We should humbly submit to the work of Christ. Accept His riches, and give him the glory for what He has done

Hands

Because we love God, we love others. Because we love others, we want them to have the same supreme treasure in their lives that we do. Therefore, we desire to preach the Gospel, so that they too might call on the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****One Service Only****

Sept 25 @ 9:15 am

Prayer Night

Oct 2 @ 5pm

Read Romans 10:1-17

1. Over this last chapter, Paul has been reinforcing the big idea that our works do not give us merit before God. Our righteous deeds are but filthy rags. *Thinking of your testimony, where has the Spirit been teaching you this principle? What is an area of self-righteousness that you have had to submit to God? What scripture or attribute of the Gospel has corrected your heart?*
2. **Read Verse 2** What does Paul mean by this? How is this seen in the world/in your own life?
3. **Read Verse 4** How has the law ended? What role does Christ have in that? What is our response?
4. Should we preach law, or grace? Why? How does the emphasis on either effect our mindset?
5. **Read 10:6-9** What does Paul mean by “ascending into heaven” or “descend into the abyss?” What point is he trying to illustrate in this passage?
6. How do you know that you have saving faith? What are the key indicators or steps described in the text?
7. Pastor Jan mentioned that as Christians, we are called to compel people to come to the Gospel. What does that mean? What does it look like?