

Salvation to All Who Believe

Romans 10:5-21

Main idea: In order to be righteous by your works, you must live perfectly, but true righteousness comes through an inward faith and outward confession that Jesus Christ is Lord and has been raised from the grave. Yet, for anyone to be saved, they must hear the gospel, which requires us to go and to declare the gospel's good news, trusting Him with the results.

Who has made the greatest gospel impact in your life?

How do I create a sense of urgency in myself to share the gospel?

The Law's Standard: Perfection (vv. 5-8)

- **Matthew 19:17**
- **Deuteronomy 9:4-5; Galatians 3:2-6**
- **Deuteronomy 30:11-14**

The Gospel's Promise: Salvation (vv. 9-13)

- **Galatians 2:16**
- **Romans 9:33**
- **Joel 2:32; Acts 10:36**

The Gospel's Means: The Word and its Messengers (vv. 14-21)

- **Call - Hear - Send - Go**
- **Psalms 19:4**
- **Ephesians 2:8-9**
- **Hebrews 4:2**

So What?

- Have you believed?
 - **Acts 2:21**
- Will you go?
 - **Acts 1:8**

Now What?

Read Acts 8:26-40 and answer the following questions:

- In Acts 8, God sovereignly orchestrates Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian official. How does this story encourage us that God is actively at work drawing people to Himself, and what role does He call believers to play in that process?
 - **Romans 10 reminds us that people must believe in Christ, but God also sends His messengers to proclaim the gospel (cf. Rom. 10:14–17).**
- The Ethiopian was reading Isaiah but did not understand its message until Philip explained how it pointed to Jesus (Acts 8:30–35). Why is it important that saving faith is grounded in the true gospel rather than merely religious traditions or personal sincerity?
 - **Romans 10:9–10 teaches that salvation comes through believing in the risen Lord Jesus—not simply possessing religious zeal or knowledge.**
- The Ethiopian immediately desired to be baptized after believing the gospel. How does baptism serve as a public confession of faith, and how does this reflect Paul's teaching that believers confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9–10)?
- Romans 10:9–10 emphasizes believing with the heart and confessing with the mouth. What evidence in Acts 8 suggests the Ethiopian's faith was genuine, and what are some ways genuine faith continues to be demonstrated in a believer's life today?
- Philip faithfully shared Christ with one individual God placed in his path. Who has God placed in your life that needs to hear the gospel, and what keeps us from speaking openly about Christ?
 - **Our Challenge:** Pray this week for one specific person and ask God to provide an opportunity to share the hope of the gospel with them.
 - **Our Takeaway:** Salvation is God's gracious work accomplished through the proclamation of the gospel. Those who truly believe in Christ respond with joyful faith, public confession, and obedient discipleship.

