

Confession and Salvation

Romans 10:9-11 – 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

I. Literal Application

- a. Verse 9a - Confess with Thy Mouth
- b. Verse 9b - Believe in Thine Heart
- c. Confirmation – Verse 10
- d. Validation
 - i. **Isaiah 49:22-23**
 - ii. **Isaiah 28:16**
 - iii. **Psalm 107:1-2**

II. Context

- a. Contrasting Statements
Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 2:11, I Timothy 2:3-4, Acts 16:30-31
- b. Literal Application Must Be Consistent
 - i. Can Houses Get Saved?
Acts 16:32-34
 - ii. Every Person is Accountable
Romans 14:10-12, II Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:11-13

III. Clarification (back to Romans 10:9-11)

- a. Believe in Thine Heart
 - i. Daniel speaking to Belshazzar about the 'handwriting on the wall'
Daniel 5:17-20
 - ii. Solomon's Insight
Proverbs 23:7
 - iii. Parable of the sower
Luke 8:14-15
 - iv. Jesus Speaking to the Pharisees
Matthew 12:34-35
 - v. Jesus Speaking to His Disciples
Matthew 15:18-19
- b. Truth is Closer Than You Think
Romans 10:4-8, Romans 1:18-21, Deuteronomy 30:11-14
- c. Confession Does Not Always Means Speaking
Acts 23:6-8
- d. Why is the Mouth Mentioned?
Romans 1:20
 - i. Dispensation of Grace (But Now)
Romans 10:8
 - ii. Kingdom Program (Times Past)
Deuteronomy 30:14
- e. Romans 10:9-10 (again)
Romans 10:9-10

IV. Why are Some Bible Passages Confusing?

- a. Some People are Unlearned or Unstable
II Peter 3:16-17
- b. Passages Require Spiritual Discernment
I Corinthians 2:14, Matthew 13:10-15, Mark 4:10-12, Luke 8:9-10
- c. It is the Lord's Intent that We Understand His Word and to be Profitable to Him (please remember it is nigh unto us – Romans 10:8, Deuteronomy 30:14).
II Timothy 2:15, II Timothy 3:16-17