

SERMON NOTES:

VOL 3: Part 19: The Word of Faith: Salvation for All

BIG Idea: The gospel doesn't reward human effort—it responds to humble trust. Righteousness isn't achieved through the Law but is received through faith in Christ.

Application: Stop striving to earn salvation. Trust Christ fully, confess Him openly, and walk in the assurance that the Word of Faith is near and available to all.

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I. Romans 9:30–33 | The Pursuit That Failed and the One That Succeeded

Romans 9:30-33 (NLT) *Israel's Unbelief*

³⁰What does all this mean? Even though the Gentiles were not trying to follow God's standards, they were made right with God. And it was by faith that this took place. ³¹But the people of Israel, who tried so hard to get right with God by keeping the law, never succeeded. ³²Why not? Because they were trying to get right with God by keeping the law instead of by trusting in him. They stumbled over the great rock in their path. ³³God warned them of this in the Scriptures when he said,

"I am placing a stone in Jerusalem that makes people stumble,
a rock that makes them fall.
But anyone who trusts in him
will never be disgraced."

Trying harder doesn't lead to salvation – trusting deeper does.

Righteousness is not a race won by effort, but a gift received by faith.

Isaiah 8:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ He will keep you safe.
But to Israel and Judah
he will be a stone that makes people stumble,
a rock that makes them fall.
And for the people of Jerusalem
he will be a trap and a snare.

Isaiah 28:16 (NLT)

¹⁶Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says:
"Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem,
a firm and tested stone.
It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on.
Whoever believes need never be shaken."

II. Romans 10:1-4 | Zeal Without Knowledge

Romans 10:1-4 (NLT)

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. ² I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. ³ For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. ⁴ For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

Passion for God without truth leads to spiritual blindness.

You can be on fire for God and still far from Him.

Philippians 3:4-9 (NLT)

⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

III. Romans 10:5-8 | The Nearness of the Gospel

The gospel isn't far off or complicated – it's right here, right now.

Romans 10:5-8 (NLT) *Salvation Is for Everyone*

⁵ For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. ⁶ But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷ And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)." ⁸ In fact, it says,

"The message is very close at hand;
it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach:

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 (NLT) *The Choice of Life or Death*

¹¹ "This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach. ¹² It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, 'Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can

hear it and obey?’ ¹³ It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, ‘Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?’ ¹⁴ No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it.

You don’t have to climb to heaven – God came down to you.

IV. Romans 10:9-13 | The Simplicity and Universality of Salvation

Romans 10:9-13 (NLT)

⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” ¹² Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Salvation is for anyone who confesses Jesus as Lord and believes in Him.

Confess with your mouth, believe with your heart – this is the way to salvation.

Acts 2:21 (NLT)

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.