

The Way of Salvation

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Text: Romans 10:5-13

Introduction:

The Romans Road: The four stops on the way to salvation

Stop # 1: We all have sinned. (Romans 3:23, 3:10-18)

Stop # 2: The consequences for sin are physical & eternal death. (Romans 6:23a)

Stop # 3: God loves us and died to give us eternal life. (Romans 6:23b, 5:8)

Stop # 4 Salvation, the forgiveness of sins, is available to anyone who will trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9-10)

_____ (Romans 5:1, 8:1, 38-39)

BIG IDEA: Right now, you are _____ from God's coming wrath, or you are spiritually lost. Jesus wants you to know the WAY of Salvation so that you can live secure NOW AND FOREVER in his _____.

1. To be saved, you must recognize that you _____ save _____ by keeping God's law (10:5)

- For Paul, _____ is equivalent to justification, or righteous standing before God.
- The point: if you want to gain eternal life by keeping the law, you must obey it _____.

2. To be saved, you must recognize that Christ has _____ for you what you could never do for yourself (10:6-8)

- Saving faith requires _____ effort.
- Saving faith is based upon what _____ has done not what you're doing.

3. To be saved, you must truly _____ in Jesus as the crucified and risen Lord and Savior (10:9-13)

- **What Is Saving Faith?????**
- **Saving Faith Is:**
 - Element #1 – _____ ---A faith that saves begins with the understanding of the gospel.
 - Element #2 – _____ ---An informed faith knows something and then it's persuaded that it is true.

“To the question ‘What must I do to be saved?’ we must learn the correct answer. To fail here is not to gamble with our souls; it is to guarantee eternal banishment from the face of God. Here we must be right or be finally lost.”

-- A.W. Tozer

- Element #3 – _____ ---Faith makes a commitment or demonstrates an active component.

Truth into Action

- Do you know what one must do to be saved? **YES or I DON'T KNOW**
- Have you personally been saved from God's wrath and are you forever protected by Jesus'? **YES or NO**

Connect Card:

- **"Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."** What do you think about that promise?
- **How can we pray for you?**



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Tell us a story of one of your witnessing efforts.

1. From Romans 10:5, How did Moses describe righteousness that comes by the Law?
2. Has anyone, outside of Jesus, been able to fulfill the "righteousness that comes by the Law" (if in doubt read: Romans 3:10-18, 23)?
3. From Romans 10:9-10, What were the simple instructions Paul gave regarding personal salvation?
4. How can you help a person who senses no need for salvation to see that are spiritually lost?
5. Someone says, "I believe in a loving God who wouldn't judge any good, sincere person." How would you respond?
6. From Romans 10:12-13, What distinctions did Paul note in the way that Jews and Gentiles obtain their salvation?
7. Why is the belief that people are basically good and that their good deeds will save them so offensively wrong before God? (cf. Romans 5:8)

Closing prayer: Thank you for making the way of salvation for each of us. Help us to live not ashamed of the gospel knowing that all who will believe, will be saved. Amen!